Hostages show signs of serious mistreatment in Iran

Evidence of serious mistreatment of the American hostages while in Iran emerged yesterday as they rested at Wiesbaden, COREL West Germany. Officials did not give many details, but a The Ilion is medical technician and relatives in America told of beatings The mean and psychological pressure, including solitary confinement.

While ex-President Carter had an emotional meeting with the freed hostages, the new Reagan Administration refused are still running ahead of price to commit itself to carrying out the agreement with Iran until and other deductions is only the document had been thoroughly reviewed. It was far from just keeping pace with inflathe document had been thoroughly reviewed. It was far from the normal run-of-the-mill international accord.

The earnings slowdown is good news for the Government

Ex-President joins emotional air base welcome

From Parricia Clough

Wiesbaden, Jan 21 ELT AFFAY Equite Medical examination here of he 52 American bostages Medical examination here of Elephe 52 American bostages Fulchi released from Tehran has revealed evidence of further serious physical and psychological mistreatment, during heir 444 days of captivity, the limited States authorities said tonight.

Preliminary questioning of

Preliminary questioning of the released hostages began in the United States Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden after their pre-dawn arrival and a house of rest.

A statement by Mr Jack what had been learnt there was evidence of maltreatment in a number of cases. This was not a comprehensive judement on the recatment of the hostages, he had said and the examination would continue.

Former President Jimmy Carter arrived here tonight to welcome the hostages as the personal envoy of President Reagan, having dearly wanted to
make the journey as President.
From outside the hospital, the hostages were seen to be gathered in an upstairs room of the hospital where each of them was greeted and embraced personally by Mr Carter. The private talks lasted more than the scheduled 50 minutes. Mr Carter scheduled 50 minutes. Mr Carter was accompanied by Mr Walter Mnodale and Mr Edmund Muskie, his former Vice-President and Secretary of State.

Besten and kicked: There was no State Department spokesman

available to expand on the statement about malcreatment

of the former hostages.

But some amplification came from Master Sergeant Charles Rigo, chief medical technician on one of the two evacuation sircraft that flew the hostages to Wiesbaden from Algiers carly this morning. He said that beaten with rubher hoses.

others were hit with metalstudded leather beits. Another NAT peatedly in the genitals.

Master Sergeant Right, who talked to some of the hostages during the trip, said that at least one of them had spent are more than 370 days of the

In an incident reported by baden. another American senior NCO, an Iranian driver wrecked a

Washington, Jan 21
The new Administration in Washington is being very

cautious about inheriting the complex agreement for the release of the hostages from Mr

release of the hostages from Mr Jimmy Carter. A spokesman for Air Alexander Haig, who was confirmed today as the Secretary of State, told reporters today that President Reagan and his senior foreign and limancial advisers would want to study all the decements he-

in study all the documents be-

fore committing themselves to

the agreement.
His comment raised the

on the agreement signed on the American side by former President Carter and senior members of his Administration.

Reports of maltreatment of the hostages have also been emerging in the United States, particularly from telephone calls home from Wiesbaden.

The details were sketchy and given in emotional tones, In one call, Mr Malcolm Kalp, aged 42, the former economic and commercial officer, told his brother and sister-in-law that he had been beaten and put in solitary confinement for between 150 and 170 days because of his attempts to escape from the American embassy in Tehran.

"He told us he had tried to escape several times". Mrs Linda Kalp said in Brockton, Massachusetts. She is the wife Kaip's brother, Richard. That sounded like him. We knew that if anyone didn't co-operate with him he wouldn't cooperate cither. We knew he was a tough guy and he wasn't going to take anything lying down", she said.

Marine Sergeant Johnny McKeel told his mother of Balch Springs, Texas, that his captors said she was dead in an fort to get him to cooperate

"He kept asking all about the family, wanting to be sure everybody was all right", she said. "They told him I was dead when they interrogated him. They told him they'd let him come home if he talked to them, they only gave him three of our letters. They even took away his watch and his billfold, so he'd be confused, so he wouldn't know what time it was."

Mr Donald Cooke, Vice-Con sul at the embassy, told his parents, Ernest and Susan Cooke of Memphis, Tennessee, that he spent most of the last year in a prison near the Caspian Sea after the failed rescue attempt in April.

"You didn't write. Why?" his fether asked. Mr Donald Cooke fether asked. Mr Donald Cooke explained that there was "a lot of activity" after the rescue effort, which he didn't understand. "He seemed to feel this was a result of the letters he was writing, so he stopped", his father said.

During Sher 14 months it confinement, the Americans learnt to communicate by a tapping code, Colonel Thomas Schaefer of the USAF, told a wiston at the homizal in Wiser. visitor at the hospital in Wies-

Colonel Schaefer, who is 50. served as defence and air attache at the embassy. He being transported blindfolded said he bad developed and manuacled to its sides. It technique from a book he o was not clear whether any of the hostages had been injured detained.—Reuter, UPI, a Agence France-Presse. read by an exiled Soviet Reagan caution on accepting agreement

problems at first sight.

present

Normally, a new American

administration would agree to

abide by international agree-ments concluded by its prede-cessor. But it could easily bo

argued that the agreement with

Iran for the return of the

hostages is far from the normal run-of-the-mill international

Wall Street Journal urged Mr Reagan to renounce the deal. "The agreement with Iran for return of the hostages has the

Indeed, an editorial is today's



Released hostages waving to well-wishers from a balcony of the hospital in Wiesbaden.

ON OTHER PAGES



Algiers, returned to the State Department here today to a

ro's welcome to report to Mr

Mr Christopher, who was the

first American to speak to the hostages last night after their release from Tehran, told reporters that the hostages

knew surprisingly many things,

about the long campaign to gain their release. Once again

he praised members of the Algerian Government for all

Freed hostages rest at US Air Force hospital, Wiesbaden, after freedom flight

Britain and EEC partners lift sauctions against Iran 8 Champagne and tears as millions celebrate

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Methostage was fold to be silent at "The Mushroom 8

Tehran newspaper de-clares that "United States could not do a damn thing "

After a well-earned fall night of sleep in his hone town of Plains, Georgia, he former President set ou by presidential jet from base near by shortly after him today. With him on the aircraft was Mr Walter Mindale, the former Vice-President, Mr William Miller former Treasury Secretary, Mr Hamilton Jordan, lorper White House Chief of Syft, and Mr Lloyd Cutler, a shior adviser to Mr Carter.

Before leaving the United

■ Washington is to keep the Navy in the Gulf area 8 Leading article

Detained **Britons** not hostages Iran says

Tehran, Jan 21.—Mr Muham-mach Hashemi, an adviser of the Iranian Prime Minister, said teday that the four Britons detained here were not hos-tages, and calling them this ob-scured the issue of the 52 American captives released vesterday.

The official Pars new agency said that Mr Hashemi told the Swedish Ambassador at a meetthe four critish nationals in Tehran has no connexion with the imprisonment of three Iranias Muslim students in Francisch

It was not clear who Mi Hashemi was referring to when he spoke of students jailed in The four Britons held in Iran

since August, apparently with out being charged, are Dr John Coleman and his wife. Audrey, Miss Jean Waddell, who is the former secretary to the Angli-can Bishop of Iran, and Mr Andrew Pyke, a business man. The Swedish Ambassador to Iran told Reuters he went to pay a courtesy call on Mr Hashemi and "we chatted in general terms and touched on the British issue". Sweden represents Britain in Iran and its diplomats have been making constant efforts to have the

he present members of the Algerian Government for all Before leaving the United their work as intermediaries in States, the former President helping to secure the said that he hoped to be able return of the 52 Americant to tell the hostages how Surrounded by many of the grateful we are that they are trappings of the American prepossibility that the new Administration might renege of the agreement with a kidnapper, the American side by former President Carter and senior members of his Administration. But, in a television interview, Mr Donald Regan, the Treasury. Secretary-designate, The agreement with Iran for return of the 52 American. Surrounded by many of the grateful we are that they are trappings of the American president Reagan's special emissary, Mr Carter will, agreement with a kidnapper, that is to say none ar all ", the editorial asserted.

Mr Warren Christopher, the private citizen present to tell the hostages "how grateful we are that they are trappings of the American present with a kidnapper, but without is mighty special emissary, Mr Carter will, their physical and emotional private citizen present to tell the hostages "how grateful we are that they are trappings of the American present with a kidnapper, but without is mighty special emissary, Mr Carter will be reporting back to him on their physical and emotional private citizen present the sum of the 52 American to tell the hostages "how grateful we are that they are trappings of the American present with a kidnapper, but without is mighty special emissary, Mr Carter will.

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Mr Warren Christopher, the Sum of the American present the sum of the Sum of the American present with a kidnapper, but without is mighty special emissary. Mr Carter will be reported to Burop today as a their physical and emotional private citizen present the sum of the fine hostages has the sum of the American present the sum of the fine hostages. And the sum of the fine hostages has the sum of the American present the sum of the fine hostages and the sum of the fine hostages four Britons freed.-Reuter. Hopes raised: The senior Iranian diplomat in London brought hopes of freedom for the four detained Britons. Dr Sayfellah Ehdaie, the charge d'affairs, asked whether there would soon be news of the four, replied: "I hope so" (the Press Asso-ciation reports).

Lower pay settlements Research bring average down to the level of inflation

and will help to moderate the

inflation rate. Figures published restorday by the Department of Employment show that average carnings in November were 18.7 per cent up on a year earlier, after seasonal adjustments, compared with 20.1 per cent in

the year to October.

The underlying annual rate of increase in earnings has fallen from 21.5 per cent in September to 19 per cent in September to 19 per cent in September and distortions. November, once distortions resulting from back pay or delayed settlements have been

The slowdown mainly re-flects lower settlements in the current pay round which have started to leed into the index. The latest figures from the pay databank compiled by the Confederation of British Industry show that two thirds of notified settlements reached in were in single

According to the databank, based on a representative

panies and with over 300 re-ported settlements so far, the average for semiements has fallen from around 10 per cent in October to single figures in the last two months of 1980. This compares with over 16 per cent in July and over 13 per cent in August.

The depressed state of company finances has been the main restraining influence on pay, the

The slowdown will help to case the rate of inflation, because pay accounts for around

half industry's costs.

In addition, if low pay rises in the private sector encourage public service workers to settle close to the Government's par close to the Government's pay target of 6 per cent, this will help to keep public spending and the public sector borrow-ing requirement under control. But the earnings slowdown also signifies that workers' incomes are beginning to fall behind inflation once income tax and national insurance con-tributions are taken into account exerting further down-

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account exerting further downward pressure on consumer spending.

This could pose a Budget problem for the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is known to favour shifting part of the tax burden away from com-Continued on page 19, col 5

Passionate Foot plea for Labour unity

By Fred Emery Political Editor

figures.

Mr Michael Foot renewed his plea last night, "passiona-tely", as he agreed, to prominent Labour dissidents to stay within the party "and argue their case within the

Mentioning Mrs Shirley Williams, Mr William Rodgers, and Dr David Owen, he said: "I do not believe they are coing to cross that Rubicon" going to cross that Rubicon of forming a breakawa of forming a breaksway party). But Mr Foot raised doubts by then agreeing that if they did leave it would be a

very, different matter.

A new alliance of social democrats and Liberals "could be injurious to us", he conceded, evidently meaning a loss of votes which would favour Con-servative election victories. For in the next breath he profes-sed; "I do not believe the

breakaway party as such will get a single scat."

Mr Foot was interviewed on BBC Radio Four's Analysis programme by Sir Robin Day, who remarked that the Opposition leader had apparently spent much of the time going out of his way not to appear extremist.

his way not to appear extremist in an attempt to hold the party together.
Mr Foot seeking every oppor-tionity to expound his views and pleas in advance of Labour's

special conference on Saturday, agreed, at least on the point thout holding the party to-On two issues of policy, which have aroused the deepest apprehensions of Labour apprehensions of Labour moderates, Mr Foot sought to avert the stark simplicities of Labour conference decisions.

errors delay study of cancer

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

The results of work by many scientists in America and Europe doing cancer research over the past two years are having to be revised because of the publication of misleading

information. In an effort to determine the origin of the malignant cell of Hodgkin's disease, many teams have attempted to use batches of cells grown from tissue in-

The approach to that type of. investigation has been in-fluenced by papers by Dr John C. Long, who was formerly associate professor at Harvard, Medical School and an assistant pathologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr Long's conclusions offered a fresh in-sight into the mechanism by sight into the mechanism by which Hodgkin's disease occurs.

But a report in the current issue of Nature states that the four groups of cells which were used in the experiments were not related to the disease.

Three of the four groups grown for laboratory tests were not human cells, but had origi-nated from a strain of owl

monkey.

The identity of those tissued was discovered by a team of scientists from leading medical States, working with Professor Nancy Harris, of the Harrard Medical School.

The investigation into the assertions by Dr Long was prompted partly because several major laboratories had repeatedly failed to create a permanent supply of tissue in-volved in Hodgkin's disease.

Yet an increasing number of papers have been appearing in which work on the disputed cell cultures was referred to as the basis for the exploration of a new avenue of research.

It would be difficult to esti-

nate the amount of money, spent on verious projects, but it must be at least film.

Dr Long was awarded research grants totalling £100.000 in 1976 and it was the results of those experiments that caused the trouble. He received a further £200,000 in 1979.

a turther £200,000 in 1979. Dr. Long resigned from his posts later that year after he admitted to having faked data in a paner published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. Other groups of scientists who relied on the data about the cells for studying Hodskin's disease will have to see if anything can be salvaged Most surprisingly, he answered: see if anything can be "No. I do not believe we can continued on page 2, col 7 tions of experiments. see if anything can be salvaged from their original interpreta-

Kennedys decide to seek divorce

statement said.

matter "

From Our Own Correspondent spened in due course and we for many years that the Washington, Jan 21 sintend to resolve as friends marriage has not been a happy Senator Edward Kennedy, the our matters relating to the dis-leader of the liberal wing of solution of our marriage," the

the Democratic Party, announced today that he and his that the press and the public wife, Joan, were seeking a would understand the wishes of divorce after 22 years of Senator and Mrs Kennedy to marriage.

A short statement from the Senator's office on Capitol Hill here said that the couple had agreed to terminate their marriage "with regrets yet with respect and consideration" for each other. "We have reached this decision together, with the understanding of our children, and after pastoral counselling," the statement said. the statement said.

Legal proceedings would be

family saga. Both the Senator and his wife are likely, how-ever, to try to maintain as low a public profile as possible for

It concluded with the hope

decline further comment on what was described as a "family

This wish will inevitably not be granted by a press and public which loves to follow

every wrinkle of the Kennedy

one. For a long time the Schator has been living on the Konnedy estate just across the Potomac River from Washingtime 500 miles away in Boston. Massachusetts.

During Senator Kennedy's long race for the Democratic presidential nomination last year, the couple tried to make amends by appearing together as often as possible at election railies. But it was evident to the most carried television wat-cher that Mrs Kennedy found the temporary reconciliation an intense strain. Since then the is long as possible.

Couple have not been seen to
It has been public knowledge gether in public.

Two saved diving bell

Two divers trapped in a diving bell 400ft beneath the North Sea were rescued last night after a 10-hour ordeal. Three other divers were lowered alongside them in a second bell from the rescue

ship, the Uncle John, and a line was attached to the damaged beil. One of the three rescuers hen made his way hand-over

hand along the line to check that the trapped men were well and pass on instructions about how they were to be brought to safety. The two trapped divers had

been surviving on emergency support systems since the umbilical cord of the bell snapped while they were working in the Thistle Field, 130 miles north-east of Sherland. The two men made their way with the rescue diver to the

second bell. . The British National Oil Corporation, which operates the field, said all five divers were lifted to the surface and taken

on board the Uncle John. The two rescued men were immediately put into decom-pression chambers and were being examined by doctors. They seemed well and would probably remain in decompression for up to four days, the

company said.

The rescue is believed to have taken a little over two hours from the time the rescue bell was lowered into the water, The cause of the accident. which happened at 10.30 am yesterday, is unknown. At the time the men were working on the field's single leg mooring system, used for discharging oil to tankers in the absence of

a permanent pipeline.

After the umbilical cord, which carries heating, lighting, air, and a radio link, snapped the bell was still connected to the mother ship, the Stena Seaspread, by a lifting cable.



Goodbye to the working class

Unemployment is hitting the working class hard: but those who see it as a return to the thirties miss the point. In a powerful article in this week's New Society, Jeremy Seabrook argues that it is showing up what has happened to the working class as a social group. Solidarity has been eroded. If the labour movement thinks it can rely on an old-style political response to this crisis, it is mistaken.

Also this week: The new DHSS campaign against scroungers David Donnison on the problems of the cities. The psychology of the old. Preventing 'foster care drift. Plus our O and A level supplement on sociological theory.



Last-ditch talks Thatcher view of in Warsaw to avert strikes

Mr Lech Walesa, leader of the Solidarity union, began crucial talks with a Polish minister to avert a headon clash with the Government over work-free Saturdays. Union branches in four provinces intended to stage warning strikes today unless the Governmer accepted in principle the five-day was Mr Walesa and other modales opposed to the strike have been over-ruled by union militams ruled by union militams

Key post for Dane

The EEC's Common Agy ultural Policy has been put in the hids of Mr Poul Polisager. Denmark new European Commissioner. Mr Alsager, who takes over the crucial lob from his compartiot Mr Fin Olav Gundelach who died suddenly last week, fought off challenges from at least two other Commissione's Page 4

Mr Nott accused

Mr pan Nott, the new Secretary of Defeare, has been accused by the Rusians of having taken up his post with a militarist cell to the arms race, prouda said that the British Government, after orders from across the Atlantic, was deagging the country along a dangerous path by seeking to perfect deadly weppons Page 10

Forces' par The Prime Mipster, in a clear attempt to bring home the views on the reed for stringency public sector pay, met Sir Harold Scherley, chairman of the Armed orces Pay Review Body. This camputed a series of three meetings with the heads of surviving independent pay bodies Page 2 dat pay bodies

said that the general outline of the release of the hostages in the hostage agreement did not Algiers, returned to the State

Seamen claim deal

The National Union of Seamen has said ir can see the first sign of a split in shipping employers ranks and suggested it might reach a deal within the next few days with three companies owning 50 vessels. But this has been met with scepticism by the General Council of British Shipping Page 2

Farm incomes drop

The National Farmers' Union said that home food production would drop unless the Government acted to halt the decline in agricultural incomes. Official figures showed that income had fallen from £1,282m in 1976 to £1,025m in

Emergency renewed

The Zimbabwe state of emergency. which has been in force since 1965, was renewed by Parliament. Members of the Rhodesian Front Party, which originally imposed the emergency, voted against renewal because they said Zimbabwe was at peace

Crash inquest told pilot was unfit

The pilot of an American wartime bomber that crashed at a Biggin Hill display last September, killing all seven on board, should not have been flying, a Croydon inquest-was told. A consultant who had centified him unfit for flying in 1976, said the pilot had a long history of depression. Page 3

Coroner's criticism

Dr David Paul, the North London coroner, criticized the Home-Office for not bringing hostels within the Fire Precautions Act, 1971. He was conducting an inquest on hine of 10 women who died at a hostel in Kilburn last March Page 4

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HOME NEWS.

Forces hear **Thatcher** views on pay stringency

By Fred Emery Political Editor

In a clear if unusual attempt to bring home her views on the need for stringency in public sector pay, Mrs Margaret Thatcher yesterday morning met Sir Harold Atcherley, chairman of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body.

That completed a series of three meetings the Prime Minister arranged with the heads of surviving independent pay bodies.

Last week she saw Lord Plowden, acting chairman of the Top Salaries Review Body, and on Tuesday she met Sir Robert Clark, chairman of the Doctors' and Dentists' Review Body.

It is only to the Armed Services that the Government has an outstanding commitment to accept, in broad terms, whatever their review body recom-

Last summer the Government, in its first conversion to an incomes policy in all but name, declined to accept the top salaries report and imposed single-figure increases.

Given the stringency required in defence spending, it might be thought probable that the Covernment would prefer to economize on pay and use the money instead for equipment. But the system is different. The services pay cash limits are "price-protected", and any savings go straight back to the

Even if the bodies are independent, Mrs Thatcher evi-dently did not wish them to proceed to their reports without her views at first hand.

Although there was little elucidation in Whitehall on what transpired, it would be surprising if Mrs Thatcher had not drummed home to them her well known views.

Popularity blow: Mrs Thatcher and Mr Michael Foot are the least popular leaders of their parties for over a decade, a Gallup Poll in today's Daily Telegraph says.

Only 31 per cent of those interviewed were satisfied with Mrs Thatcher and only 26 per cent thought Mr Foot was prov ing a good Labour leader.

Labour's lead over the Tories is voting intentions rose 1 per cent to 131 per cent. The Liberals' share rose to 181 per cent, the highest since the last

The TUC is expected to tell

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, that it

cannot comply with his time-table for consultations on the

Green Paper on trade union

immunities. A Congress House

document deplores the Green

Paper and says it is of "funda-

mental importance to trade

The confidential document, which was broadly approved by

the TUC's employment policy and organization committee

vesterday, says that so impor-

the TUC Congress in September.

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tant is the Green Paper that mental the final trade union response The c

meet the Government's require- February.

By Our Labour Staff

union freedom".

Seamen's union says three companies may settle this week

By Donald Macintyre
Labour Staff
The National Union of Sea-men said last night that it. could see the first signs of a split in shipping employers' ranks and suggested that it might reach a deal in the next few days with three companies. As the pay dispute intensified the union, in a statement that was met with scepticism by the General Council of British Shipping, said that negotiations had opened yesterday with com-panies owning 50 vessels in all on terms that appeared acceptable to the union.

The union was hopeful of reaching an agreement with the companies before the end of the week. It expected that the final terms would meet its aspirations for overtime at a rate of time

The general council retorted that it had no reports of such negotiations and it believed that it would have had if companies were intending to settle outside the council's maximum offer of rises of 12 per cent. That offer The council, whose members own a total of 1,164 ships, also said that some companies had been told informally by crews that they would be willing to

settle at 12 per cent if there was a ballot.

It added that on most of the 90 vessels delayed in British ports and the 40 in foreign ones crews were not being paid while their industrial action

Transport Correspondent
The London commuter complains bitterly about the cost and unreliability of trains. But when offered a cheaper choice Townsend Thorensen is one of the companies that stopped paying crews taking part in unannounced strikes, one of which disrupted the company's Cairnryan to Larne ferry ser-vice yesterday. The service is expected to run normally today. The state-owned Sealink ser-

vice from Strangaer to Larne was also halted yesterday.

There was some confusion over the position at Southampton where the union said its members serving in two Townsend Thorensen vessels operating normally between the port and Le Havre had been served with notices of dismissal. The company said only that pay was being withheld until the crews gave assurances that they would work normally.

Mr Patrick Sovelton, director

general of the shipping council, said yesterday that a fresh threat now hung over P & O's Liverpool to Belfast service after industrial action stopped the service yesterday. the service yesterday.
At the end of the last strike the service was given a temporary reprieve, after the company had announced it would close it, to allow discussions on

methods of reducing costs. The company is due to meet the unions again on January 30.

Mr Shovelton said: "There must be a danger that the Liverpool to Belfast service will once again be at risk, P & O are very

Vote for water strike

By David Felton

Labour Reporter Tension increased in the water and sewerage industry last night after 80 delegates representing 5,000 manual workers in the London area rejected the employers 7.9 per cent pay offer and voted for industrial action.

The decision means that votes for industrial action have been cast on behalf of the majority of members of the General and Municipal Workers Union, which is dominant in the industry. Further regional conferences covering the rest of the union's 20,000 members in the industry will be held over the next week.

The attitude of members of the National Union of Public Employees (Nupe) which has 10,000 members in the water

A meeting of the union executive will be held in executive will be held in Glasgow on January 31, when a decision will be taken on whether to press for industrial action at a meeting of the four unions in the industry.

The General and Municipal Workers' Union is also expected to call an executive meeting to discuss' the crisis.

industry, should become clear over the next few days. Nupe members are expected to vote for industrial action after decisions of area committees' which start meeting at the end of the

meeting to discuss, the crisis over the employers vefusal to increase the pay offer. The unions will decide at the February meeting what form

industrial action should take. Delegates have so far favoured Goldsmith call

apathy. People are so used to travelling by train." The company's daily coach to Tower Hill was carrying between 10 and 15 passengers instead of the 25 needed to cover costs. So it decided to cut its losses. A handful of services are struggling or in similar circumstances. Gastonia, of Cranleigh, Surrey, opened with two pashe is prepared to pay to go on using them. That must be the conclusion to be reached after the first four months of the Transport Act. 1980, which allowed coach operators to run cheap services in competition with British Rail. Most charge about half the rail fare but taken We are desperately in need of another five passengers by mid-Pebruary to keep going. We want to make a success of it because we believe in it, and because it would be extremely profitable if we would fill the half the rail fare but take twice as long. Surrey, opened with two pas-sengers on the first day of the coach." Act and a telegram from Mrs Margaret Thatcher because it was an early enthusiast and had tried unsuccessfully to do some-A fast train takes less than About twenty services were 40 minutes from Guildford to Waterloo but Gastonia's coach established last October within a radius of about 70 miles of takes up to an hour and a half. From outlying areas like Ewhurst and Cranleigh, commuters must leave at 6.35 and London; about five remain. It seems that most collapsed because for all the train's thing before. The service has built up a loyal following of 20, 18 of whom have season rickets costshortcomings, people are pre-pared to pay twice as much 6.42 respectively to be in cen-tral London by 8.30. ing £117 a quarter, compared tral London by 8.30. with about £180 for a rail. An even greater deterrent ticket. Whereas British Rail's than the early start is the posfor its speed and convenience. International Coach Lines, whose service from the South-

end area was withdrawn after

two months, said: "People could have saved £10 a week

travelling with us, but it fook 45 minutes longer. There was

London commuters grumble but still prefer to travel on their expensive railways

Apathy kills many coach lines despite big fare savings

due day, however many times it has been used. Gastonia's

buys 130 journeys over an unlimited period.

The 53-seat chach needs 25-assengers to break even and fr Martin Noakes, a director i the family company, says:

Dr Owen forecasts block vote outcry

By Fred Emery

season ticket expires on the sibility of missing the coach

home in the evening. "By train there is one every half hour, so

it does not matter if you are kept late at the office", one traveller said. "But if there is

only one coach and you miss it you are stuck."

back is probably a main reason

for the conspicuous success of

the commuter coach service run

by the state-owned National Bus Company along the M4 from the area of Reading. Bracknell and Aldershot. It has

enough passengers, 150,000 in the first four months, to operate

several coaches each way each day, giving some of the flexi-bility of rail.

serving a number of towns, so we can put in the resources to

make it a success". National Bus says. "Some of these small

operators with one coach from

small local patch lack the

"We have a big operation

The absence of such a draw-

Political Editor Insisting that it was an issue of "fundamental principle" to resist Labour's plan to have a trade union block vote helping decide who should be party leader, Dr David Owen predicted last night that there would be a national outcry when people realized "their Prime Minister will be chosen by such an undemocratic pro-

Speaking at a meeting of the extended University Fabian Oxford University Fablan Society the former Foreign Secretary recalled that Mr Michael Foot, when deputy leader of the party, had opposed any electoral college. He rhetorically challenged Mr Foot to speak before the decision was voted on at next Saturday's special party conference, not afterwards

It was consistent, Dr Owen maintained, for Mr Foot to argue to continue with the pres-ent system which elected him as leader until a genuinely democratic and legitimate procedure can be agreed ".

Dr Owen, one of Labour's socalled "gang of three", who has said he will begin soundings for a social democratic grouping if the Labour comerence adopts any block wote electoral college, then savaged Mr Foot's arguments.

Mr Foot is canvassing for unions to support an electoral

that is may they tail.

Another explanation is put forward by one of the small men: "We have to face the fact that people are prepared to pay \$250 a year for another half on hour in bod.". British Rail says: "It seems

resources and catchment, and

to have been a nine-day wonder. There has been no appreciable effect on our season ticke sales, and we think the comfort journey time and frequency of service, especially for the

evening return journey, is th

telling factor."
But those who still use th coaches seem to appreciat back to the train and spend a that money again", a Gastoni passenger. Mrs Lilian Thoma Cranleigh, said. "The coas is much nicer-warm, a con fortable seat, and I save \$50

college which will give 50 per cent of its vote to MPs, ar 15 per cent each to the tran unions and constituency partie

Dr Owen said: " All the et

dence of recent elections for

the leader of the party is the even with 50 per cent the paliamentary party's choice cou easily be overridden by the

their vote is solit and the la three leaders chosen by the

elections have been elected

On that basis, he said if

constituencies split equally tween the candidates, the blo votes of the big unions wou

decide who was to be the par

He continued: "When t

people of this country real

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but I suspect that the shock w

only come if a leader of the

Labour Party ever has to I elected by this procedure whi

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trade union block vote. parliamentary party is not bing allowed to vote as a block

A hospital hops out of history

By Michael Baily

he is prepared to pay to go on

By Michael Horsnell A piece of rural history will when the Little Hoppers Hos-pital, in Kent, established in 1909 to tend the bumps and bruises of excitable urchins from London's East End who went hop picking during their holidays, will be reopened.

The Jacobean building in Five Oak Green, near Ton-bridge, dilapidated for the past 15 years since the machine took over from human toil in the hop fields of Kent, will re-emerge as a residential social centre for parish groups from the East End.

Mrs Dorothy B. Wickens, aged 84, said: "It is wonderful. A little bit of history coming back to life. I remember the Little Hoppers as the Rose and Crown pub before it was turned into a hospital.

Mrs Wickens has a special interest because her father, Mr Alfred Bishop, was the publican at the rival Queen's Head at the turn of the century

Volunteers from the 90 Volunteers from the 90 parishes in Hackney, Islington

and Tower Hamlets in east London, which will use the building will help with redecoration under the supervision of Father Norman McCurry, area dean of Tower Hamlets. He is appealing for £40,000 to add to the £20,000



The Little Hoppers Hospital : To be restored

Teachers seek rise that reflects prices By Our Education

Correspondent Unions representing 450,000

teachers in England and Wates agreed vesterday to press for a rise "which reflects the rise in average earnings and the rise in prices over the previous 12 months ". The latest average earnings index shows that earnings in-

creased by 18.7 per cent over the 12 months to November. Inflation has been at 15 per cent over the past year. Both are expected to come down by the time of the teachers' pay award, due on April 1.

The Professional Association of Teachers, which has just won a seat on the Burnham Committee, the national negotiating body for teachers' pay, was a lone voice on the Birmham teachers' panel yesterday call-ing for a 6 per cent rise from April and a further 2 per cent The employers have not yet decided what to offer teachers.

Mr Foot avoids committal to nuclear arms policy Continued from page 1

do it that way", when asked to say whether a government led by himself would uni-laterally give up the British nuclear deterrent.

It was put to him that that contradicted an answer he had given in a televised interview last November. But Mr insisted he wanted to avoid having the argument turn between multilateral and unilateral dis-

"I want to make the Labour Party . . . an effective force for trying to turn the nuclear arms race in the opposite direction", he said. Although a unilateralist himself, he had not resigned from the Cabinet when the Callaghan government decided to modernize the Polaris nuclear warhead because, Mr Foot argued he had wanted to fight for policy changes.

Asked whether he would take Britain out of the EEC, Mr Foot again demurred. The last

European Communities Act (fact it spoke only of "con-quential amendments" to the

1980 conference h The advocated withdrawal as priority but "we have a rig to consider how we shall I about the whole matter".

Regarding Saturday's confe ence and the objections allowing the block vote of traunions to play a part in election the leader, Mr Foot report that trade unions were the b wark of the Labour movemen They were not going to co aside their system of von

Mr Foot insisted that M Williams, and others, we "under a misappreheusion about the possibility of M Labour Party members in the control of the contro unions exerting an influence i the leadership vote.

Mr Foot also denied

notion that the trade union vo could force out a party lead or Prime Minister. Letters, page

State criticized as employer

the TUC Congress in September.

The document advises union given a fresh document detail-

leaders that Mr Prior should ing comments on the provi-be told that the TUC cannot sions at its next meeting in

TUC unlikely to meet

immunities talks limit

cealed.

a big employer are lacking in some aspects, the Royal Insti-tute of Public Administration says in a study published today:
Where the Government had
demonstrated good employee
relations policies it was disappointing that it had had little influence on the private sector.

The study cites as an example of bad practice the treatment of registered disabled workers. The Civil Service's record in employing disabled workers was inferior to that of the private sector whose performance "is far from impressive". Dr Philip Beaumont, lecturer in industrial relations at Glas-

gow University and author of the study, says that in the field of industrial relations the Govof industrial relations the Gov-ernment has clearly acted as Public Administration, 3, Bird-a." best practice" employer by encouraging union organization f4.40 plus 17p postage).

y Our Labour Staff and collective bargaining in the The Government's actions as Civil Service.

The document adds that the

implications for the unions

could hardly be more funda-

The committee, which in the

But the system of pay comparability, which the Govern-ment recently suspended, did not protect civil servants from sharp changes in the policy making criteria of governments. It was also questionable how much influence the Govern-ment's "good practice" on dismissals had had on the private

The Government had to con-tend with many conflicting roles, including being paymaster-overseer, incomes regu-lator, rulemaker, peacemaker, manpower manager and em-ployer. At times of financial stringency it became more difficult to reconcile those various

for law to set press standards By Robin Young

The Press Council was either "just plain foolish" or "sinister", Sir James Goldsmith, the proprietor of Now! magazine said yesterday. Parliament must legislate to establish press ments for views to be expressed on the Green Paper by June. It says that though the government approach to the Green Paper is to consider in an apparently even-handed way the pros and cons of possible legal changes, the underlying hostility in it is barely constandards and protect the press from communist manipulation. Addressing the media com-Mittee of the Conservative Party at the Commons, Sir whole thrust of the Green Paper "is the further restric-tion of the scope for lawful industrial action" and that its James said legislation must ensure that "membership of the Press Council be truly in-

dependent and responsible? that journalists receiving payments or inducements from foreign government must register as an agent of that country, and that the media should disclose their sources of funds.

or tunds.

Sir James said the Press
Council had refused his request
to establish general principles
on these lines, yet had since
called for a freedom of information Act, which he described as "a charter of rights for the KGB and terrorist organiza-

Sir James told the committee that during 1978 the Central Intelligence Agency in the United States spent 116 man years working on requests for information under the United States Freedom of Information

£14,600 average 'Telegraph' pay

The management of The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Telegraph said yesterday that under a pay deal agreed with journalists the average salary would increase to £14,600

salary would increase to 114,000 by next July.
Salaries would increase from January 1 by 10 per cent plus £500 a year, a rise of 14 per cent on the average salary. There would be a further 2½ per cent increase on new salaries from July 1.

dangers facing schools By Diana Geddes beyond pro rata reductions for falling pupil numbers. The morale of teachers, which was

Head teachers tell MPs of

By Diama Geddes
Education Correspondent
The effects of falling pupils
numbers, spending cuts, the
shortage of qualified teachers,
and declining reacher morale
were seriously damaging
schools, and the situation was likely to get worse the Secondary Heads Association told the Commons Select Committee on Education, Science and the Arts

The association, which represents most head teachers in itdependent and maintained secoudary schools, was the first wimess in the inquiry into how examinations affect curricular provision for pupils between the ages of 14 and 16.

The association said that the

unhappy coincidence of falling rolls and reduced spending was making ir impossible for many schools to take an objective view of their curricular arrange-ments. They were too busy trying to protect the existing cur-riculum from damage by reduc-

tion in staffing.

Most local authorities were form for records of achieve-having to make staffing cuts ment for school leavers."

owner was premature.

Sir Michael, a former chair-

man of the BBC, and Provost of Oriel College, Oxford, said any prospective buyer had

many hurdles to overcome before achieving success. If Mr Murdoch, who owns The Sun and the News of the

World, did succeed in buying

guesses on 'Times' sale

Sir Michael Swann, the chair- the titles, Sir Michael said, it

men of one of the consortiums was possible that his consor-bidding for Times Newspapers' time which includes Times

titles, said yesterday that speculation that Mr Rupert
Murdoch, the Australian press
magnate, could be the new

"There are less than seven

a crucial factor in curriculum reform, was rapidly deteriorat-Commenting on government

attempts to obtain a national agreement on what should be taught in schools, the association said that while it felt that the imposition of a centrally directed, more structured curriculum would be undesirable, it would be happy to sup-port attempts to define and imett a compulsory "core" to the corriculum.

The British were obsessed with examinations. We prob-ably had more written public examinations 1 school than any other country in the world. Mr Neil Macfarane, Under Secretary of State or Education and Science, said resterday that the Government has asked the Schools Council "to help identify the scope and best

hium, which includes Times

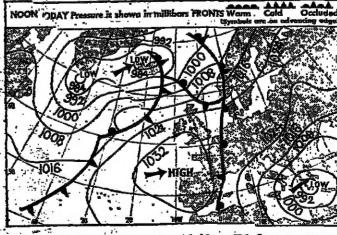
There are less than seven

weeks before the deadline for

The Times and The Sunday

It is certain not to be more Labour manifesto, he claimed, than 6 per cent, probably less. had promised repeal of the 1972 Consortium head deplores

Weather forecast and recordings



Today. Sun rises: Sun sets: 7.53 am 4.32 pm Moon sets: Moon rises; 9.06 am 7.11 pm 1.28 t quarter; January 28. Lighting up: 5.02 pm to 7.22 am. High water: Lordon Bridge 3.01 am. 7.1m; 3.24 pm. 7.3m; Avon-mouth, 8.31 am, 13.5m; 8.57 pm, 13.3m; Dover, 12.01 am, 6.7m; 12.17 pm, 6.5m; Hull, 7.37 am, 7.3m; 7.47 pm, 7.6m; Liverpool, 12.18 am, 9.1m; 12.35 pm, 9.4m. 1ft = 0.3048m 1m = 3.2808ft

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;

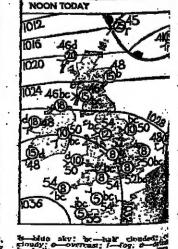
of Man, SW Schland, Glasgow, Arsyll, N Ireland; Mostly cloudy with occasional drize, on coasts and hills, some brigintervals later inland; wind SW light or moderate; max temp 10° 12°C (50° to 54°F).

NE England, borders, Limburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, cemal Highlands, Moray Firth; Sunnitatervals developing after dull and misty start, wind SW, light or moderate; max temp 11°C (52°F).

NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland; Mostly cloudy with occasional rain or drizzle, wind SW, fresh, max temp 8° to 9°C (46° to 48°F).

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slight or moderate.
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Wind W or NW, moderate
fresh; sea slight or moderate.

Vesterday Light : Temp: max 6 am to pm, 11°C (52°F); min 6 pm to am, °C (39°F). Humidity, 6 pt 93 per ent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, m Bar, meal sea level, 6 pm 1024 1.000 millibars, reing. Overseas sellina prices

The Times and The Sunday Times closure expires. But on Tuesday, Mr Dugal NisbetSmith, the managing director of Times Newspapers, said he was optimistic that an announcement would be made by the end of this week. Witness tells of terrorist order not to kill hostages.

Crime Reporter

Just before a group of terrorists attacked the Iranian Embassy in London last year, they were told that their orders had changed and no hostages were to be killed, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The change of plan was described by Fowzi Nejad, aged 23, who has pleaded not guilty to the murder of two of the hostages. Originally, he told the jury, the terrorists were going to set a 24-hour deadline and then start killing hostages at intervals if the demands for the release of prisoners and publicity were ignored. publicity were ignored.

On the morning of the siege Salim, the terrorists' leader, spoke to an Iraqi called Sami, who had brought the group to London and planned the attack. Salim told the others, Mr Nejad. his orders were changed. Salim said the plan was the same but we were not going to grenade. The terrorist had kill anyone and we would stay threatened several times to kill in the embassy for eight days." in the embassy for eight days." the hostages and himself with ... Mr Nejad continued: "We the grenade.

thought Salim was right because we were fighting the authori-ties in England." He said the threats to kill hostages after 24 hours of the siege were only threats and added: "We could have done it, we had the

weapons."

Earlier, Mr Justice Park was told by one of the hostages that he saw a terrorist shot in the head by an SAS man at the end of the siege. Mr. Ali Aghar Tabarahai, a banker, said he was in the embassy's telex room with other hostages when the

bullet hit the hand of another hostage. A second bullet was found in his clothing later. One of the terrorists, nicknamed Ugly by Mr Tabatabai, tried to use a hand grenade but the hostages had surrounded Mr Neiad and another terrorist calling on them to surrender. Ugly was persuaded not to use the

Mr Tabatabai added that weapons and grenades were thrown out of the window, the women hostages entered the room and the SAS arrived. As he was leaving the room,

As he was leaving the room,
Mr Tabatabai said, one of the
terrorists was facing the wall.
A soldier said, "Bastard", and
shot him in the head. The
banker said the terrorist was Faisal, the second in command. The court was also told that Faisal's body was found by the police on the ground floor at the bottom of some stairs with multiple wounds. Another terrorist was found in the room where the hostages had been with a single shot in the back of his neck.
Mr Tabatabai said Mr Nejad had told him that during a meeting of the terrorists on the fifth day of the siege he had argued against killing any of

In statements to the police Mr Nejad told them that plans to kill a hostage were made on the morning of the fifth day of the six-day siege, it was stated. Mr Nejad had told the police that he and another terrorist

the hostages.

were opposed to any killing. Salim had said anyone who re-jected it would be killed. Mr Nejad had described how he fled from Iran to Iraq after a movement to gain separatism for the region of Arabistan was attacked by the new regime in Tehran. He became a transla-tor for the Iragi Government and was recruited for the Loudon attack by a leader of the movement called Hadi. The man had once been a shaik but had been sentenced to death in

Iran.
The recruiting and training The recruiting and training for the attack was done in Iraq and Mr Nejad told the police that the group were told before they left that if they were caught they should say they had come from Tehran or Beirut but not Iraq. If the terminate were billed they would rorists were killed they would be avenged, they were told, by a "big organization in Arabistan".

Mr Nejad, a former military policemen, told the court through an interpreter that he would not look at pictures of the terrorists because "I am too

The plan for the attack was put forward by Mr. Hadi, he said. During this time of planning in Iraq two of the terrorists were opposed to any killing. Mr Nejad said the first aim of the attack was to free prisoners and the second was to get publicity for the oppression of Arabistan. Mr Nejad said the terrorists.

after receiving arms training in Bagbdad and the desert, tame to London in two groups. He and Faisal came in the second group. He said he was told to say that he was coming to Lonsay that he was coming to London for medical treatment.

Before the actual attack the terrorists welked from their flat in South Kensington past the embassy each day. The night before the attack the man called Sami, who Mr Nejad thought was an Iraqi Army man, brought the guns and plan of the embassy.

Mr Nejad said that although the terrorists made threats to

the terrorists made threats to blow up the embassy during the siege they in fact did not intend to do so because they did not have enough explosive. The trial continues today.

Manchester

empty homes

Seven local authorities were

named yesterday by Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for

Housing as owning more than 1,000 houses which had been

empty for a year or more.

The figures were contained in the authorities' housing

investment programmes sub-mixted to the Department of

the Environment last summer,

and showed Mancheser at the

head of the list with 1,869

empty houses.
Knowsley, Merseyside, had.
1,400 empty houses, and the
other five were the London
boroughs of Islington (1,401);
Hackney (1,267); Southwark
(1,196); Lambeth (1,189); and
Camden (1,080).
Five other councils Birming.

Camden (1,080).

Five other councils, Birmingham, Lewisham, Corby, Hammersmith and Haringey, had
more than 500 empty homes
and 25 had between 100 and
500. Sixteen of the 33 London

boroughs are on the black list, and several of the authorities

are Conservative-controlled.

The councils are certain to reply that the figures are misleading, since they do not take

black list

By John Young Planning Reporter

leads

Parmers give warning of food production fall as their incomes drop

Agriculture Corre pondent

Farmers gave a warning resterday of a cut in home food a production unless the Governnent acted to prevent a further eduction in agricultural inames, Official figures published esterday showed that some attle farmers in Northern reland had average incomes of ces than 110 a week while n the province were losing

and Inore than 125 a week. The National Farmers' Union ninisters had admitted that otal farming income in Britain ntal farming income ... ourth successive year.

The union said that the income had fallen by a tenth in duction tomorrow is being cash terms in 1980 and that placed in jeopardy today. The is had been halved in real terms world is becoming increasingly come had fallen by a tenth in since 1976. Mr Richard Butler, the tarmers president the farmers' president, said: that agricultural production Definition will fall if this decline goes

den e men Mr Peter Walker, Atmister the leaves of the per Fond, said that incomes had liament the per fallen in 1980 because the cost of farming had risen faster control to prove fallen in 1980 because the cost entire the override than food prices. "The benefits than food prices." The benefits that substitute that from the latest increases in the line of the part hill livestock compensatory that while it spin allowance and the price of milk the cost of the price of milk the cost of the price of the p

review of the state of British review of the state of british agriculture, showed that far-other mers' debts were rising while incomes were falling. The highest Despite Mr. Walker's comment indular their incomes were falling.

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expected on dairy forms".

The review also contained forecasts of further cuts in income on some lowland cartle and sheep farms and on jarms where grain and potatoes were grown. It predicted that incomes would not improve on pig and poultry farms and on those growing cereals alone.

The Government expected incomes on all types of farms in the present financial year onie cattle and sheep farmers to be substantially below the new the province were losing figures for 1978 in real terms. National agricultural income had fallen in cash from a total of £1,282m in 1976 to £1,025m in 1930, Interest paid by farmers had increased from a national total of £129m in 1976 to £316m in 1979 and £460m in 1980. Yields continued to rise how-

> Mr Butler said: "Food proshort of food, yet we are weak-

insurance policy."

He called for tax reliefs, lower interest rates, subsidies to match those paid in other EEC countries, a rise of 15.3 per cent in farm prices in the spring and immediate increases on

milk and potatoes.
Other official figures showed a continuing wide variation in diets of different income groups. Families where the head of the household earned less than 156 a week are almost twice as much lard and little more than half as much fresh fruit as those with an income of more than 1200, Consumption of the state of the st tion of sugar and potatoes was almost half as high again in the lower-income group.

Duke explains sale of **Chatsworth Poussin**

The masterpiece by Nicolas funds, and do not want to pay Poussin, which the Duke of more than they think it is Devoushire has been forced to worth. But we want to sell it meet the cost of upkeep on for what we think it is worth. meet the cost of upkeep on for what Chatsworth, will be auctioned That is by Christie's on April 10, auction."

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The duke is selling the work, "The Holy Family with St capital transfer tax, so valuation was harder than it might hive been, the Duke said. As on endow a charitable trust the sellers would be the charit-

the Chatsworth House Trust, the arrangement because there is duke said the only way to raise no call on the taxpayers the necessary cash to maintain money." the house as part of the national heritage was to sell one or two works of art.

The sale would least damage the Charsworth collection as a whole, he said. The Poussin had not been on public display; the artist had no particular with the family, and was well represented in British collec-

He had wanted the work, estimates to fetch between £1m and £2m, to be offered first to national galleries. But difficul-ties had arisen in arriving at a market value.

Fraud teams said

benefits illegally

Social Services Correspondent

People entitled to social security benefits are having

them withdrawn on allegations that would not stand up in the

courts, an article in New Society

states today. The reason, it says,

is a much harsher approach to fraud work, based on unpub-lished instructions from the Department of Health and Social Security.

The new measures are con-

tained in amendments to the Fraud Investigator's Guide, a secret document from which

extracts were published in The Times last March. The amend-

ments disclose that special exercise teams have been set

up to pursue suspected fraud and are based in local offices

In addition, the approach to fraud work has changed. The

emphasis is much less on bring-

ing fraud cases to prosecution,

more on non-prosecution inter-

views which can lead to benefit

eing withdrawn on evidence the department knows would not hold water in court.

Mr Peter Moore, a researcher

for Yorkshire Television, writes in New Society: These

rew measures are so tough that

even some of the staff at the

Mr Moore reports one iper-

national document as saing:
"In the past, as many ases as

possible were pursued o prose-

cution but, in future while the

deterrent effect of successful

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appropriate lases as the most

cost-effective way of dealing

Another says that where

there is insufficient evidence to prosecute, or the case is one

where the department does not

with to prosecute, that it may

be worth interviewing the per-

son and putting the reasons for suspected fraud to him.

The document says: "He

with the platter ".

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in every region of Britain.

to be cutting

That is why we are going to It is thought that the Poussin may fetch film more at auction than galleries were prepared to

created to preserve Chatsworth able trust, it would gain no tax for the public as it has been for the past 200 years.

Announcing the creation of "I am very happy about this "I am very happy about this

The trust, a company limited by guarantee, was set up after three years' negotiations with

take over the house on March Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environ-ment, and Mr Paul Channon, Minister for the Arts, said yesterday that they were grateful to the duke and trustees for their generosity in setting up the trust to maintain Carsworth, which was of crucial im-portance to the national heritage.

government officials. It

pilot unfit to fly, inquest is told The pilot of an American Second World War light bomber

Death crash

that crashed at a Biggin Hill air display last September, killing the seven people on board, had a history of psychiatric illness and should not have been flying, a doctor said at the inquest into the incident at Croydon

Dr Anthony Hall, consultant physician at the Hospital for physician at the Mospital Ior Tropical Diseases, St Pancras, London, said the Civil Aviation Authority "should not have passed him as fit for flying. I think it is shocking." He had once given the pilot,

Mr Donald Bullock, aged 41, of Prince Albert Drive, Wimble-don, London, a certificate say-ing he was upfit from flying from January to March, 1976. "Now I wish that I had given him a certificate saying I thought he was unfit for ever." Dr Hall, who treated Mr Bul-lock in 1975 and 1976, said Mr Bullock had suffered from depression for many years. Mr Bullock had come to him origin-ally because he thought he had

some physical disease. "He was worried he had acquired syphilis in Peru. He was very worried about dandruff". Dr Hall suid.

Dr Geoffrey Bennett, chief medical officer for the Civil Aviation Authority, said Mr Bullock was given a certificate to fly in July, 1980.

Mr Bullock had said on his application form that he had suffered from depression and had been referred to Air Vice-Marshal Patrick O'Connor for

psychiatric examination.

The air vice-marshal said in his report that Mr Bullock had been symptom-free for the past month, was off medication, and was fir to fly, Dr Bennett said, adding that, previously, Mr Bullock had been taking transmittings.

quillizers.

Mr Mark Campbell, of Outwood, Surrey, said he was helping to organize the aircraft at
the display. Mr Bullock had
told him he was fed up because
he had asked for extra time for
his display and had been
refused. "He wanted to do a
harrel roll"

Mr often Knight of the CAA sirworthiness division, said that the aircraft, an Invader regis-tered in the United States and not in Britain, had air certification for survey work.

Asked whether that restriction meant "no aerobatics", he replied: "In my view, yes.".

Dr Mary McHugh, the Coroner said Mr Bullock had

done barrel rolls before. But he knew the aircraft was certified only for survey work. Using it otherwise might have suggested some recklessness.

The jury returned verdicts of accidental death on Mr Bullock and of unlewful killing on Mr Arrhur Heath, Mr Garry French, Mr Roger Russell, and Mr Peter Warren, the British

passengers. passengers.

No verdict was returned on Chief Master Sergeant Donald Thompson and Sergeant Mechanie, Kevin Vince, both of USAF Upper Heyford, because they are subject to an American inquiry.

The Coroner said she would be writing to the CAA suggest.

be writing to the CAA suggesting that a committee should be ser up with representatives of air display organizers, pilots, and the CAA, who could confer about air display regulations and discuss whether non-crew passengers should be allowed to

Correspondent
Students graduating from per-cent higher than this year's forecast; but many of the forecolleges this summer will find it more difficult to obtain iche

law A second reading of the British Nationality Bill takes place next week, probably on

ceded the Bill makes plain that the voucher scheme for East African Asians wishing to enter Britain will be maintained, and the Bill endorses that. On that point the former Government's Green Paper and the Conserva-Green Paper and the Conserva-tive Government's position are said not to differ.

Scaffolding in silhouette for restoration of Victoria Tower at the Palace of Westminster.

said not to differ.

To criticisms that children born abroad to citizens not born here will no longer be entitled to citizenship, the Home Office says there is a marked degree of liberalization. The Government proposes that the citizenship of such children can descend by the mother or the father, subject to certain provisos. One of those is that the child returns to Britain with its child returns to Britain with its parents: then there is an entiticment to registration after

British parents lose their auto-matic right to be British

The official reply is that the child born here would be a cinzen if either of its parents was a British crizen, or settled here. Even if the parent were non-British but settled here, the child born here would still be entitled to citizership.

At present, everyone

because they do not have it kingdom and the colonies. The now.

The White Paper which preceded the Bill makes plain that the voucher scheme for East African Asians wishing to enter being born either in transit

here or on a short visit. Another argument quoted in the Bill's favour is that people who are citizens of another country would not have to renounce that citizenship if they became British citizens. They could have dual nation-

the accusation that the new legislation would leave many people effectively state-less, the official reply is that the Bill's schedule headed, "Provisions for reducing state-lessness" is designed as a safety net, reflecting the generally accepted treatment of statelessness.

One of the main attacks on three years.

Another of the controversies surrounding the Bill is that children born in Britain to non-for instance in deciding which the nationality Bill is likely to for instance in deciding which persons shall be allowed to call themselves British if they are born abroad.

The official line is that under the Bill every child born abroad to a father or mother who is a citizen by birth will be a citizen by descent, a substan-tial liberalization measure, since at present a United Kingdomborn mother does not transmit citizenship to a child born

Critics of Nationality Bill do not for Wisley understand it, Home Office says is defended From Our Correspondent Guildford

A public inquiry was told yesterday that green belt laws were never designed to protect the countryside around London from airfield development schemes.

Airport plan

Mr Eric Davies, a valuation expert, told the hearing at Guildford, Surrey, that he wanted to demolish the argument that metropolitan green belt policies barred the development of Wisley airfield, near Guildford, as a husinessman's Guildford, as a businessman's aviation centre. The hearing,

expected to last several weeks, is into an application to turn the disused warring airfield into an executive jet airport, bandling 30,000 flights a year A London company, called Jenstate, is appelling against Guildford Borough Council's rafusal to approve the scheme. The council, supported by nearly 3,000 objectors, says the development would breach successive government pledges to restore Wisley to agricultural

Mr Davies, a wimess called by Jenstate, said yesterday: "Green belt policy was not intended to protect the country-side. It has always been part of the green belt concept and control policy that some development would be appropriate necessary within the green

That view was supported by several ministerial statements as well as the Standing Con-ference on London and South-East Regional Planning, he said. The function of the green belt

was "to check the further growth of a large built-up area; to prevent neighbouring towns from merging into one another, and to preserve the special character of a town.
"Airfields are an acceptable part of the green belt and only major airports through noise, are seen as damaging or threatening the landscape."

A careful analysis of green belt guidelines showed that the Wisley development was acceptable on environmental grounds and was essential to meet the growing demand for quick and efficient business travel in the outer London area which could not be catered for by Heathrow

others on two drugs charges. Immediately after Mr Maher changed his pleas he left the dock. There then followed several hours of legal argu-

or Gatwick airports, he said. The inquiry was adjourned. The hearing was adjourned

One of Britain's two manufacturers of radiotherapy equipment for the treatment of cancer, Radiation Dynamics, of Swindon, Wiltshire, has stopped production of the machines after orders for them from the National collapsed.

Mr Vivian Boaler, the company's managing director, said that the health service's finan-cial difficulties had meant orders had been cut from four or six machines a year prior to 1978 to only two in the past two years. At that level continued

production was not feasible.

The machines, which cost between £170,000 and £200,000 each, were still wanted by hos-pitals, some of which had equipment that was 20 years old, but money was not avail-

able for orders. The company had cut its workforce from 140 to 34 since 1978, and was concentrating on supplying other equipment for industry and research.

the West German company, which has been marketing radiotherapy equipment in the rest of the world, would try to move into the British marker.

gamated Union of Engineering Workers' technical, administrative and supervisory section saw Gerard Vaughan, Minister for Health, to protest at the

lack of orders.

Radiation Dynamics shared the United Kingdom market for

radiotherapy equipment roughly equally with MEL, a division of Philips Industries, which makes 85 per cent of its machines for export

Doctors criticized for complaints proposal demonstrate the independence complaint could be taken to a

side the profession.

arrangement" by the Associa-Councils. It is writing to the Department of Health and investigate complaints about

National Health Service consul-

vestigation of complaints about said that unless the procedure a doctor's clinical judgment are is seen to be fair there could be increasing, both within and out-The proposals have been

drawn up by the Joint Consul-Asociation's hospital doctors' committee. If agreed, they will

would first complain to the conplaint in writing and the re-gional medical officer would be informed. If, after discussion,

third stage where two independent consultants would review the case. The complainant would not be

given a detailed report by the consultants, but the district administrator would write to the patient, explaining where appropriate any action the health authority had taken, following the regional medical officer's advice on what comment would be appropriate on clinical

Health Councils said the whole procedure should be much more open. There seemed to be no redress for a complainant who felt the procedure had not been carried out properly and no guarantee that the case would go to the independent review.

Stiffer competition forecast for job-hunting graduates

number of jobs for graduates offered by employers is expected to be about the same, they say in a report published.

universities, polytechnics and colleges this summer will find it more difficult to obtain jobs than In previous years, according to the three main organizations involved in the employment of graduates.

The supply of first and higher degree graduates seeking jobs is expected to be about 6 per cent up on last year, while the number of jobs for graduates offered by employers is expected to be about the supply was much lower. The supply was much lower.

number of jobs for graduates offered by employers is expected to be about the same, they say in a report published yesterday.

The report has been drawn up by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, the Central Services Unit for Careers and Appointments of Careers and Appointments of Careers and Experiments of Careers and Standing Corerence of Employers of Graduates.

The supply of jobs for graduates few disciplines in which a degree would automatically secure entry to a relevant job. Neverteless, graduates were likely to have an easier time graduates. Demand was still particularly strong for graduates in electrical engineering, mathematics and computer science, accountancy and business studies.

By Diana Geddes Education Correspondent The Science Research Council's postgraduate training loard is to recommend that all council-funded PhD audents doctoral thesis. Those who failed to be selec should undergo a protationary year before being elected for awards for a fugher two or

Probationary year sought

for postgraduate students

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

Home Office ministers and officials are angry at what they

regard as unjustified criticism

and misunderstanding of their proposals for a new nationality

Denying any racist or sexist implications they point out that the Bill does not distinguish between someone from Pakistan

and his white neighbour.

In Whitehall's view the Bill makes compromises to avoid being sexist. To one criticism, that it abolishes a woman's

right to automatic citizenship

on marriage and replaces it with a three-year qualification, imposed on men who marry British wives, Whitehall's reply is that wives had an automatic

enticlement, but men did not.
The charge is made that the
Bill removes British citizenship
from many thousands in East

Africa, India and among Malay-

sian Chinese who were offered and accepted it when their countries became independent.

Altogether there are esti-mated to be about one and a half million people in that cate-

gory, Many are said to be citi-zens of the countries they reside in According to White-hall, the Bill does not remove

Wednesday.

awards for a furner two or three years.

Speaking after a two-day meeting which ended yesterday, Sir Geoffrey Allen, the board's chairman, said that the board was conserned that only the best sydents should be given granty for research training.

The introduction of a probatiopary year would enable the bord's committees, covering the various branches of science and emineering, to select those and engineering, to select those students most suited to go on

with research training. He expected that the great majority would be chosen for further funding.
The board had agreed that in The board had agreed that in most instances the additional funding should be for two years, but in some cases that might be extended to three years, making a total of four years, instead of the present three years for SRC grants.

The working group on post-graduate training, set up by the Government's Advisory Board for the Research Coun-

Board for the Research Councils and chaired by Sir Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Vice-Chancel-lor of Cambridge University, has suggested that SRC grants be provided on a one-plus-three

basis in all cases. It considers that three years is not long enough both to complete the research and to write up the

ted for further funding after their probationary year should be given a way out with honour, perhaps by awarding them an MSc, Sir Geoffrey said. The board had also con-

sidered the Swinnerton-Dyer proposals for a black list of de-partments whose PhD comple-tion rates did not come up to an acceptable standard and would therefore forfeit their right to the allocation of SRC awards for PhD students. It agreed that completion of

the PhD was an important part of research training, and there fore wanted to see universities encouraged, to get their re-search students to finish their

will consider that and the board's other recommendations at its meeting on February 18.
Sir Geoffrey said the board
regarded quality of supervision
as of key importance, and might bring out a code of good prac-tice for PhD supervisors:

degrees, Sir Geoffrey said.

The board would recommend that the SRC set up a study group to examine further what should be done. The SRC

Postgraduate training was essential in promoting teaching activities and the advancement of learning in universities and

Act on contraception causes confusion, frustration and embarrassment

Irish must go a long way to plan their families Since there is no means of they are far more liberal-Limerick, have devised various

From hristopher Thomas

Dubit the of the longest Irish con-poversies has reemerged. In the incredulous delight of many department's froud headquar, the intense annoyance of some, and the bewilderment of most. The subject, so emotive in these parts, is contraception. On a Saturday morning not

long before Christmas, the in-appropriately named Family Planning Act became law Its aim was to make it more difficult to acquire contraceptives. Its main effect, however, has heen to inject muddle and confusion into the minds of families, pharmacists, and doctorsget contraceptives now. one is supposed to acquire a doctor's prescription, be it for medical or non-medical devices, and to take that to a qualified

Act that means married). But there is a conscience may give you sufficient infor-marion to justify withdrawing (or reducing) his benefit: Or he may decide to withdraw his claim." clause, and an unknown number of doctors is refusing to prescriptions, and most pharmacists' seem not to be stocking contraceptives.

knowing in advance who are minded than the pharmacists, the sympathetic doctors or the and 200 GPs say they are preobliging chemists, people in search of a device often have a frustrating, degrading or embarrassing time hawking around the town, if they are lucky enough to live in one. . In the countryside there may

cists are reputed to be a conservative crowd, and all attempts to draw up a list of stockists have met with complete non-cooperation. Miss Christine Donaghy, of the Irish Family Planning Association, speaking at her office in Mountjoy Square, Dublin, said: "It is as though they

regard the provision of contra-

not be a willing doctor or supplier for miles. The pharma-

pharmucist (one is supposed to ceptives - as an under the be bona fide in the terms of the counter affair." The association is the sole agency for training doctors in family planning. So far only a hundred of the country's thousand family doctors have quali-

But the indications are that

paring to supply contraceptives directly to their patients because of the non-cooperation of the great majority of pharma-They say that no more than one in five pharmacists is stock-

contraceptives. Miss Donaghy said: "To understand this situation you need to understand a little about Irish society. Doctors are almost equivalent to the priests in status, and so the church has not been able to pressure the doctors. Pharmacists are different. The church has reminded them that it is against their religion to sell contraceptives." The students' unions in the

epublic continue to flout the

law by installing contraceptive

machines at the main centres of

education or by selling them

over the counter. The small

number of voluntarily run family planning clinics in Dub-lin, Bray, Cork, Galway and

ways of walking the legal right-rope and so far have managed to survive. A few openly provide contraceptives illegally, but have not been prosecuted. Many groups and individuals are in the early stages of preparing cases for a constitutional complaint, possible in a Euro-pean context, about the denial

in fact, served to make contra-caption a live issue once more. The clinics, which legally are now allowed only to offer con-sultation and advice, report an upsurge in inquiries.

To begin with, the sole im-porter of the products of the London Rubber Company, which include Dixex, was not granted an import licence under the Act. The only condoms avail-able in the republic were some dubious and exotic devices from

of what is seen as a basic human The Family Planning Act has,

dubous and exotic devices from Taiwan and elsewhere. Miss Donaghy said: "If they did not work properly, there really was not much point taking them back to the shop."

to sue their union executive Prison officers at Hull's maxi-

Prison officers

mum security prison have decided to return to normal working, but intend to take legal action against their union's national executive over decision to bring to an end the three-month dispute over meal

Hull officers have been defyng the union by continuing industrial action. They say the agreement eached last week was no better than that negotiated in

With colleagues at the Ashton remand centre, they intend to bring a civil action against the national executive to try force it to seek arbitration.

College officers raid claimed by Welsh group

Police were yesterday investi-gating a break-in at the adminisrative block at the University College of Wales, Aberystwyth. Doors were forced open with their frames splintered and locks forced off and files were strewn around the floor. A col-

A telephone caller to the Press Association's correspon-dent in Wales claimed that the damage had been done on be-half of Mudiad Coleg I'r Cymry —the College for the Welsh People's Movement.

During Prince Charles's visit to Aberystwyth last November the same movement claimed re-sponsibility for digging up the cricket and hockey pitches on

the university's playing fields. In a telephone call then, the movement said it had wanted to

The proposals were described

clinical judgment.
The executive of the Hospital

Criticisms of proposals by the of the procedure a lay person medical profession to allow in should be included, and it has

as "a kind of Star Chamber tants Committee and are being gement" by the Associa- studied by the regional com-of Community Health mittees of the British Medical Social Security urging that the be put to ministers.

Ombudsmen be given powers to

Under the proposals, patients

sultant concerned or to the hos-pital. If not satisfied, the Consultants and Specialists patient would then put the com-Association, which represents plaint in writing and the re-abour 4,000 of the 13,000 gional medical officer would be tants, has also expressed reser-vations. It has suggested that to considered it approriate, the

The Association of Community

into account the exceptionally high number of council homes in places like Manchester, and in places like Manchester, and that empty units should he shown as a proportion of the total housing stock.

The figures can also be said to omit local factors such as the notorious Kirkby estate in Knowsley, where many flats are Knowsley, where many flats are unlertable because of vandalism, and the closure of the steel-works at Corby which has led

to people leaving to look for jobs elsewhere.

Announcing the figures in a Commons written reply. Mr. Stanley said that the Govern-ment had taken extensive measures to help authorities to reduce the number of vacant homes. They could improve homes

for sale with an Exchequer grant of up to £3,250 on each unit; sell unimproved flats and houses at discounts of up to 30 per cent; apply for consent to waive interest payments on mortgages for up to five years to certain cases; and make short-term lettings to certain groups without creating secure

tenancies. From April 1 this year, the so-called 30-year rule would be abolished, so that subsidies could be paid for improving and repairing council properties less than 30 years old.

Man in handless corpse case changes his plea

The man accused of murdezing a drugs racketeer in the handless corpse trial at Lancaster Crown Court yesterday

the same time be admitted two charges involving drugs. When the hearing opened yesterday, Mr Gilbert Gray, QC; representing Mr Andrew Maber. asked for the three charges to be pur again. Mr Maher, of

Leyland, Lancashire, replied guilty" to each charge. The 10 others in the dock sat expressionless as Mr Maher replied.

He had previously denied. with four others, the murder of Mr Martin Johnstone, a New Zealander, whose handless body was found in a waterfilled Lancashire quarry 15 months ago. They were accused with seven

NHS cut in orders ends radiotherapy machine work By a Staff Reporter

> He suspected that Siemens, Health Service

A delegation from the Amal-

Home Office criticized Dane put for leaving hostels out of fire Act

Dr David Paul, the North concerning.

London coroner, criticized the to a hostel.

However, Mr Christopher certain precautions on the running of public buildings.

Conducting an inquest into nine of the 10 deaths of women in the hostel at Salusbury Road, Kilburn, on last March 18, Dr Paul said that a hostel had never been officially defined and was among those buildings designated by the Home Secre-tary to come under the Act.

Addressing the jury, he said:
"It would seem that the spur and urgency of this newsworthy tragedy lost its impetus. I will see that a recommendation goes to the department responsible for the inclusion of hostels. for the inclusion of hostels under this Act."

He had criticized the London

Borough of Brent, while recognizing that it had not failed in its statutory duties. "There is a maze of law behind which can be found shelter", he said. He hoped his recommendation and one from the borough would speed clarification of the

would speed clarification of the law.

He in no way denigrated organizations like the Missionaries of Charity who, he said, "fulfil a vital role in caring for the destitute".

The first that Brent knew officially of the hostel was when it received a planning application in September, 1979,

Dr David Paul, the North concerning its change of use

residents only.

His department advised the nuns' architect to seek the advice of the fire prevention people That they had done.

Station Officer Terence Gaunt gave the inquest details of his recommendations which had been put to the nuns in January, 1980. They had not had time to carry out the work

Sister Anawin, of the hostel, in reply to Dr Paul, said sae was unaware of any limit on numbers for the bostel. She agreed that there were no fire extinguishers in the building and no fire warnings or instructions. Neither was there any

McAliskey shootings: 3 in court

From a Staff Reporter

Three men appeared before the petty sessions in Dungannon, co Tyrone, yesterday accused of the attempted murder of Mrs Bernadette McAliskey and her husband, Michael McAliskey, last Fri-

Michael McAliskey, last Friday.

The three were further remanded to Belfast Magistrates Court on Friday.

The accused are Thomas Graham, aged 37, unemployed, of Lisburn; Raymond Smallwood, aged 30, a lorry driver, of Lisburn; and Andrew Watson, uged 26, an electrician, of Dunmourty.

Mr Watson is also accosed of attempting to murder Mr Sean McConville who was wounded in a gun attack at a tyre store Dromara, co Down, in

other two. Nicehau vesterday lost his appeal against a 12-year prison sentence for falsely imprison-He told the Court of Appeal in Belfast that he would "fight to prove my innocence".

Las: year Mr Meehan came to the brink of death in a 66prove his innocence.

Tory MPs seek action over race population By Our Political Staff

tion", in Britain.

Announcing the formation of an "Immigration Group", Sir Ronald Eell, MP for Beaconsfield, said its members were "deeply concerned at the unchecked and accelerating growth of the non-indigenous population, both New Com-ronwealth and alien, by ner immigration and natural

The MPs alleged that craggerated deference to race relations pressure groups and so boxed in the Home Office that the change in the propulation balance would be allowed to continue unless a vigorous political campaign were mounted ".

Home Office yesterday for failing to bring hostels within the ambit of the Fire Precautions Act, 1971, which gives fire services the right to enforce was to regularize its position.

Permission was granted for 10

before the fire.

A verdict of unlawful killing was returned on the women who died when a fire swept through the three-storey terterraced house. All except one died from inhalation of fire furnes, the other one died from

Brian Butler, divisional fire officer, said the fire started in a wardrobe at the foot of the stairs and the stairwell acted as a chimney, funnelling it swiftly to the upper floors. "The fire was deliberately set in combustible materials hanging in the wardrobe."

In brief

All are accused of attempting to murder the McAliskeys at their remote farmhouse home near Coalisland, co Tyrone.

According to police evidence Rir Watson replied "00" to each of the charges, as did the

al. Mr Martin | Car fire charge

day hunger strike to try to

A new backbench group of Conservative MPs was formed last night to campaign for remedial action against what it called "the accelerating growth of the non-indigenous popula-

Mortgage rate cut forecast

Mr Leonard Williams, chief general manager of the Nation-wide Building Society, yester-day predicted that this year could turn out to be better than could turn out to be better than generally expected for the housing market, with a second fall in mortgage rates, a reasonable supply of mortgage money and house prices rising gently by around 10 per cent.

But he said a reduction in mortgage rates following any fall in the general level of interest rates will be tempered by the degree of competition.

by the degree of competition building societies have to face for savings.

TUC protest over forestry assets sale.

A TUC delegation, led by Mr Geoffrey Drain, general secretary of the National and Local Government Officers Association, protested over plans to sell Forestry Commission assets yesterday, at a meeting with Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales. Secretary of State for Wales, and Lord Mansfield, Minister of State at the Scottish Office.

George (Chester) Barnes, aged 33, an advertising direc-tor and former table tennis internationalist, of New Road, Brixham, Devon, was remanded on bail until March 12 by Torbay magistrates yesterday charged with destroying by fire a £7,000 Datsun sports car, belonging to a finance company.

80 influenza deaths

The number of deaths from influenza is up again, but is far below epidemic proportions. Eighty people died during the first full week in January, according to the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys.

New Sunday paper

Plans to produce a new Sun-day newspaper for Scotland were announced yesterday by George Outram, the publisher. in Glasgow. The editor-designate is Mr Charles Wilson, editorial director of Antrams.

Mr Bosanquet ill

Mr Reginald Bosanquet, the former television newsreader, and rector of Glasgow Univer sity, was detained in a Glasgow hospital last night after having an epileptic fit at a meeting of the university court.

Snack bar ban Mobile snack bars operating from laybys are to be banned by Huntingdon District Council on the grounds that they are a traffic and health hazard.

Health danger feared in toxic waste regulations

Er David Nicholson-Lord

Loopheles in new regulations on the disposal of toxic waste would reciously increase the tion of water supplies, local authority leaders said yesterday. Fears about the bealth dangers of the regulations, due to take effect in March, have prempred the main local authority associations to lobby MPs to oppose their introduc-

A motion opposing them has this week been debated in the llouse of Lords, and further opposition is expected in the Commons where a dozen MPs, headed by Mr Charles Morrison, Conservative MP for Devizes, have signed an all-party prayer for their annulment.

The regulations, brought in under the control of Pollution Act. 1974, will replace the Disposal of Poisonous Waste Act, 1972, an emergency measure introduced in response to controversy about dumping of cyanide in the Midlands and involving an extensive system of advance notification to councils where hazardous materials are being

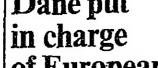
dumped.

Pressure for change has come from the Confederation of British Industry on the ground that the system was producing too much unnecessary paper-

Although local authorities agree there is a need for agree there is a need for streamlining, they say that the new regulations will cut down by two thirds the number of substances notified and intro-duce a definition of toxicity which few people understand and which will therefore prove

unenforceable.
They cite the death of a lorry driver at an Essex tip five years ago, caused by the interaction of acid and sulphide to produce highly covic hydrogen sulphide. highly toxic hydrogen sulphide gas. Neither substance would be considered toxic under the

new system. Mr Geoffrey Waterer, chair-man of the Association of County Councils' consumer services committee, said: "We just do not think the Government has realized the dangers in withdrawing regulations over such a wide field.



of European agriculture

From Michael Hornsby
Brussels, Jan 21
Mr Poul Dalsager, Denmark's Mr Poul Dalsager, Denmark's new European Commissioner, was today put in charge of the EEC's common agricultural policy, the crucial lob previously held by his late compatriot, Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, who died suddenly last week.

Mr Dalsager, who received strong backing from his Government, fought off a challenge from at least two other Commissioners. He seems to owe

missioners. He seems to owe his agricultural job mainly to the desire of Mr Gaston Thorn, the new Commission President, to avoid another painful row over the allocation of portfolios.

Mr Thorn's presidency got off to an embarrassingly bad

start earlier this month because of a well-publicized dispute over control of the EEC's finances involving Mr Christopher Tugendhat, the senior British Commissioner, and the new Irish Commissioner, Mr Michael

O'Kennedy.

Mr Gundelach's death might have led to a general reshuffle of posts and risked reopening barely healed wounds. As it is, all other jobs will remain as previously allocated.

The only minor change is that fisheries, which had also been handled by Mr Gundelach, has been entrusted earlier than expected to the new Greek Commissioner, Mr George Kon-togeorgis, who is also respon-

sible for transport and tourism.

It appears that a majority of Commissioners would have preferred to see Mr Frans Andriessen, the new Dutch Commissioner, in the farm job. As a tough-minded former finance minister, he was felt by many to be the better man at



under pressure to reduce the cost of its profligate agri-cultural policy.

It was argued that as a former Danish agriculture minister, Mr Dalsager was too much under the influence of the farming lobby in a country which bas a major stake in keeping the farm support system in its present form. Those who have seen Mr Dalsager at work in the EEC's Council of Ministers also tend to have a poor opinion of his abilities and detailed grasp of what is a notoriously technical

It seems that Mr Andriessen's bid for the farm job was effectively scuppered by Signor Lorenzo Natali, the Italian Commissioner, who apparently felt

that he had the strongest claim to the post if it did not go to the Dane. The Italians have long felt that Mediterranean agriculture has been negletted.
As for Mr Tugendhat, he was not present at today's deliberations. He was taken to hospital this morning apparently suffer-ing from food poisoning. His condition was said tonight not

Gloomy view of Madrid conference at half-way stage

West seeks Soviet détente pledge

By David Spanier

Diplomatic Correspondent Western countries intend to table important new proposals on human rights at the European security review con-ference in Madrid, which resumes next Tuesday, in the hope that the Soviet Union can be persuaded to make a new commitment to détente.

From the British Government's assessment of the review conference at the halfway stage, however, a very gloomy picture emerges of the continu-ing decline of human rights in the Soviet-block states.

The new Western proposals, which will be debated by the conference over the next two weeks, cover such key issues as allowing ordinary citizens to monitor implementation of the provisions of the Final Act without being persecuted, in-creasing the flow of newspapers and other publications, assist-ing journalists to work freely, and helping people get exit visas and families to be

reunited. In the disarmament field there is also a French proposal for a conference to produce confidence-building measures. If there is no sign of serious progress by the conclusion of the drafting phase at the end of February, Western countries would probably seek to bring the conference to a speedy con-

this summer by putting clocks

forward an hour at 2 am on March 29. They will be put back an hour at 3 am on September

sanct, it has taken the Govern-

ment three years to persuade the public to accept the idea of

Swiss timing put in step

with the rest of Europe

As befits a people for whom consider when West Germany split-second timing is sacro- and Austria lust year followed

On the other hand, some condetente in recent months, they can only take a turn for the

better now. The official British view is

that implementation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Soviet block has shown no improvement in the period tader review." In the Soviet Union, trials, arrests, committals to mental hospitals and harassment of dissidents, religious believers and members of not Russian minorities continued before and during the Madrid review conference," Mr. Peter Blaker, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, states in a parkamentary answer.

been arrested and some 50 have emigrated since early 1979. Noting how the rate of Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union has fallen sharply, from a record 50,000 in 1979 to 21,500 in 1980, Mr Blaker spoke of official harassment

and obstruction. There is also evidence of increased harassment and persecution of Soviet Jews over the past few months. Seminar

forcibly closed."
According to Mr Blaker, there ference sources believe that as has been some progress in things have gone so badly for Poland in the implementation of some provisions of "Basket I" of the Helsinki Final Act. Some political detainees have been released. The Roman Catholic Church has been given

increased access to the massmedia, and a new law on censorship is to be prepared for discussion.
"Elsewhere in Eastern Europe," he said, "there have been no major developments in the human rights field." Turning to "Basket II"—co-

operation in the fields of ecooperation in the fields of eco-nomics, science, technology and the environment—the picture was not much brighter. There have been no major changes in the implementation record of the Soviet Union and pean countries in this area," Mr Blaker said. The main restriction on an expansion of East-West trade continues to be the shortage of hard currency in the countries of the Soviet

"Basket III" cover In ing humanitarian cooperation "Soviet performance on family reunification remains dis-apporting". Despite official representations and the handing over of a list of outstanding cases to Moscow, there has been virtually no reduction in their

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Berlin 'a symbol of the past' says Mme Veil From Our Correspondent Geneva, Jan 21 The Swiss cabinet decided today that the country will keep in time with the rest of Europe rejected the whole concept. It From Our Correspondent

Berlin, Jan 21
Mme Simone Veil, president of the European Parliament, to day signed her name in the "Golden Book of the City of Berlin" at Charlottenburg Castle'

Mme Veil spoke of the soli-darity of the EEC with the Berlin population and she called the city a symbol of the past that the European people wanted to overcome once and for all through the Treaties of Paris and Rome.

clusion, without covering over and civilization have been

the middle of a busy week for Italian diplomacy. His discussions, centred on

Pertini, followed by meetings with Signor Arnaldo Forlani, the Prime Minister, and Signor Emilio, Colombo, the Foreign Minister. Similar themes are expected

Italians are expected to resist any pressures to scale down their links with Libya. In fact, Signor Enrico Manca,

It is understood that this will come up at a meeting of mixed economic commission in March, at which the Italians hope to clarify the whole range of their commercial and technologica! involvement in Libva: Dependent as it is on imports

Giscard politead

Paris, Jan 21—F-esident Giscard d'Estaing is rading M François Mitterranc his Socialist challenger in next Le Figaro.

French MPs drop Poniatowski case inquiry

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Jan 21
Nothing seems destined to be

daylight saving.

simple about the case of the assassination of Prince Jean de Broglie, in December 1976.
The meeting yesterday of the parliamentary commission of inquiry set up last April to investigate the Socialist Party's investigate the Socialist Party's accusations against M Michel Poniatowski, who was Minister of the Interior at the time, and decide whether there were grounds to impeach him before the High Court of Justice, was the High Court of Justice, was marked by an unexpected development. The rapporteur, M Gérard Longuet, a Giscardian deputy and close friend of M Poniatowski, argued that the case should be dropped because it was covered by the statute of limitations.

limitations.
This means that the nine months of the commission's hearings, which produced voluminous evidence from a umber of witnesses, but cast little light on the circumstances of the assassination, have come to an abrupt end without any conclusions being drawn
M Longuet had earlier submitted his report and argued that there were no grounds to impeach M Pomiatowski on the

accusations levelled against him

shown that his life was under threat; that he had deliberately misled the judicial authorities by not including these reports in the official file of the case; and that he had violated the secrecy of the judicial investigations by announcing a few days after the murder at a press conference that the case

was held largely on the initia-tive of farmers who contended that tinkering with time would dislocate their cows' routine.

But Switzerland had to re-

the example of France and Italy by introducing summer time leaving Switzerland an awkward

hour out all last summer.

Had been elucidated.

Having done so for three hours, he then changed his tack and put forward the juridical argument of the statute of limitations. There was no cause therefore for the commission to conclude on the points of substance. The nine deputies of the government majority sitting on the commission voted to on the commission voted to accept his reading of the case. The six opposition members said that the way in which the commission's hearings were being cut short was "inconceivable."

M Pierre Joxe, a leading member of the Socialist Party, said: "The future will show

that the persons we were pre-vented from calling at witnesses

assistance to a person in opening of the judicial investi-danger in failing to take neces-sary steps for the protection of of Appeal was ordered about Prince Jean de Broglie after the same time as the commispolice reports three months at sion started its hearing) inform-least before his death had ation which was tried to be ation which was tried to be kept from the public."

M Joxe was referring to alleged new revelations by two police officials contained in the latest issue of the satirical weekly Le Canard Enchaine, which had brought up the whole case last spring with its disclosures of the police reports on the threats to the The majority of the commission have consistently refused to hear the evidence of the

police informers on the basis of whose information the re-ports about the assassination threats were sent to M Jean. Ducret, the director of the Paris criminal police. M Ducret told the commission that he had not thought the reports worth sending on to his superiors. The evidence given by police offi-cials to the commission proved contradictory, with some junior police officials claiming that the reports had been forwarded to the higher grades at the Ministry of the Interior. The two police officials, a serving inspector of the crimi-

according to Le Canard Enchaine, that they had both regularly discussed the assassination threats against Prince Jean de Broglie with members' of the anti-gang squad over lunch at their mess. The paper concluded that if members of the squad were informed, the higher ranks of the police hier-archy, and the minister him-self, could not have been in the dark either.

dark either.

Just as the murder of Prince
Jean de Broglie was highly
political, the work of the commission was also marked from the beginning more by political preoccupations than a desire to enlighten justice. The Socialists and Comunists felt this was a useful weapon with which to damage the reputation of President Giscard d'Estaing through his friend. M Poniatowski.

The Gaullists were not averse to going along with them part of the way, until last November.

when they suddenly decided in favour of winding up the com-mission's investigations. They had been warned that if they went on playing that game, the whole of the Paris police would turn against M Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader, and the Gaullist party. The raporteur's suggestion that the affair was covered by the statute of limitations thus suited them. by the Socialists. These were have produced before the nal police, and a former one, that he had been guilty of non-examining magistrate (a re-told the investigating judge

OVERSEAS____ Strikes threat hangs

Four new members join Danish **Cabinet**

From Christopher Follitt Copenhagen, Jan 21

Mr Anker Joergensen, the Danish Prime Minister, has increased his Cabiner from 17 to 20 members in his first reshutile since his Social Democratic minority government came to power on October 25, 1970 25, 1979. The move was caused by the

appointment last week of Mr Poul Dalsager, the former Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, as EEC commissioner in Brussels after the death of Mr Finn Olav Gundelach. The portfolios affected are

those of Agriculture, Fisheries, Irland Revenue, Justice, Interior and Greenland and Church Affairs. Agriculture, Inland Revenue, Justice and Greenland and Church Affairs are taken over by new mem-

bers.
Fisheries and Interior, which were previously linked with Agriculture and Justice respectively, become separate port-

Mr Joergen Peder Hansen, the former Minister for Green-land and Charch Affairs leaves the Government.
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Italy cool to Giscard pressure

From John Earle

Rome, Jan 21
Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German
Foreign Minister, paid a oneday visit here roday for a round
of talks with Iralian leaders in

the problems of Europe and the Middle East in the light of the Reagan Administration's expected policies, began with a call on President Sandro

to be on the agenda of the two-day visit beginning tomorrow of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of France. If the French bring up Libya's in-tended union with Chad, the will not rest until it has been

the Foreign Trade Minister, returned early today from a visit to Tripoli devoted to the prospects of expanding ecou-He also brought up the

stuppage in Libyan gas supplies since the beginning of the year, due to Tripoli's insistence on a higher price, and Libya's failure to maintain an earlier undertaking to increase oil

for four-fifths of its energy needs the search for diversi-fied suppliers is a constant theme of Italian policy-makers. Signor Colombo returned last weezend from Venezuela, where he discussed the transfer of know-how and technical inflaboration in return for increased oil deliveries.

April's presidential election by 51 to 49 per cent in public sup-port, according to the latest Sofres opinion poll published by

Nicosia, Jan 21

there has been no concrete result so far in the intercommunal talks for a settlement of the Cyprus problem.
The Argentine diplomat's remarks came amid mounting apprehension that the talks, now in their fourth month, are once more heading for coldance. Over the next savan now in their fourth month, are once more heading for collapse. Over the past seven years, since the de facto partition of Cyprus in the wake of the Turkish invasion, several intercommunal talks have ended in deadlock

Señor Gobbi's admission was made to journalists just as the

made to journalists just as the sixteenth weekly session of the talks was due to start at the Ledra Palace Hotel here.

talks with Solidarity Warsaw, Jan 21.—After the announcement of warning strikes in four provinces, Mr Lech Walesa, the leader of Solidarity, the independent Polish labour organization, today met Government officials in an apparent effort to head off a new clash with the regime.

at reaching a compromise to prevent the strikes.

Just helore the Mazowsze or Warsaw area, chapter held in the warning strikes.

Before the Mazowsze meeting

over tense Warsaw

off a new clash with the regime.

In spite of an earlier indication from the Government, its delegation was not led by Mr Mieczysław Jagielski, the Deputy Prime Minister, and which critica negotiator, who was

chief strike negotiator, who was

unable to attend for a sudden, unspecified illness, informed sources said.

The Government side was led instead by Mr Aleksander Kopec, a Deputy Prime Min-

ister. Mr Walesa and several other union leaders and aides flew to Warsaw from Gdansk on a char-

tered aircraft.

The crucial bargaining round between Solidarity and the Government, the second such meeting in three days, came as four chapters of the union called warning strikes in support of their demands for a five-day week and access to the mass.

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strikes.

Before the Mazowsze meeting here, Mr Zbigniew Janas, leader of Solidarity at the Ursus factory outside Warsaw, said his members were determined

ns memoers were determined to strike.

Both the Government and moderate Solidarity leaders appeared to fear an escalation of our labour unconof new labour unrest.
"This is why they (the Covernment) have advanced the meeting with union leaders that was earlier scheduled to take place on Thursday", one informant said.

The decision of individual area chapters to go ahead with strikes came in the wake ci yesterday's session of Soli-darity's national coordinating commission. It was strongly critical of what it described as Government failure to honour key commitments made in agreements to end strikes last rear and overruled Mr Walesa and other moderate delegates

media.

Earlier a Solidarity spokesman in Gdansk said strikes.
mostly to be staged in the mornings, would take place in the provinces of Gdansk. Bydgoszcz. Czestochowa and Kutno. Other Solidarity chapters may follow suit, he said.

The meeting in Warsaw with the Government negotiators was seen as a last-minute attempt

Mayors put terms for recognizing Israel

officially."

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Jan 21
Two former Arab mayors,
who were expelled from the
Israeli-occupied West Bank,
today urged the EEC to pursue
its independent peace initiatives in the Middle East and
said they saw no future for
the American-sponsored Camp
David talks between Egypt and David talks between Egypt and Israel. The two men-Mr Fahd

Kawasmeh from Hebron and Mr Muhammad Melhem from Halhul—also indicated that recognition by the Arabs of Israel's right to exist would follow once an independent Palestinian state had been established. The former mayors, were expelled by the Israeli authorities last May for alleged complicity in Palestinian guer-rilla activity, were speaking at a press conference organized

by the liaison office in Brussels of the Palestine Liberation Organization. Neither Arab countries generally, nor the PLO, have ever publicly recognized the existence of the Israeli republic proclaimed in 1948. Militant Arabs still refer to Israel as a from the West Bank and Gaza "Zionist entity" and say they Strip, security guarantees, and

eliminated. Emphasizing that he speaking personally, Mr Kawas- and the United States is the meh said: "I think if we Community's view that the PLO accept a Palestinian state, we

Carrington stand | Salisbury renews will be welcomed state of by Israel opinion emergency laws By Our Diplomatic

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Correspondent
Lord Carrington, the Foreign
Secretary; had some strong
words on the right of Israel to
exist "not merely on the map
but as a member of the family
of nations," when he addressed
an Arab audience in London last an Arab audience in London last

night.
Talk of expelling Israel from the United Nations, or liquidating the Zionist entiry does no service to the Arab cause," Lord Carrington said. He was addressing businessmen at the Arab Community dinner. "The only result of saying them is to convince the Israelis that there is no point in trying to negotiate with the Arabs," he said.

Lord Carrington's comments that Israel's fixure must be secure, which will certainly be welcomed by Israeli opinion, welcomed by Israeli opinion, rame on the eve of a visit to London by Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli opposition leader, tomolow. He will be meeting Lord Corington to discuss the next phase in Middle East peace move.

Expressing cautious optimism about the EEC's peace mission. Mr Melhem said that "European states must act independently. As long as you (Europeans) follow the Camp David peace process, there will be no

way out".

The two men said they expected no change from the new Reagan Administration in America, and that the Camp David process, even if amended, could lead nowhere. They also thought that the Labour Opposition in Israel would be "equally repressive" if it replaced the

Begin Government. EEC Foreign Ministers yes-terday authorized their Dutch colleague, Mr Christoph van der Klaauw, to make a new tour of Middle East capitals, following up the visits made last August and September by Mr Gaston Thorn, who was then the Luxembourg Foreign Minister. Mr van der Klaauw will be seeking detailed views on such issues as the territorial extent and population of a future Palestinian state, the timing and manner of an Israeli withdrawal

the status of Jerusalem. One of the main points of difference between the EEC must be involved in the peace accept in principle the other's negotiations if they are to pro-(Israel's) right (to exist). But at duce any durable sertlement.

From Our Correspondent Salisbury, Jan 21 The Zimbabwe Parliament today renewed the state of emergency at the request of Mr Richard Hove, the new Minister of Home Affairs. The emergency has been in force since 1965.

Mr Hove said the renewal was needed for four reasons: the threat posed by former guerrillas who were still based at assembly points; the activi-ties of gangs of dissident for-mer guerrillas; the generally undesirable level of violence in the country; and the presence on Zimbabwe's border of rebels belonging to the Mozambique Resistance Movement. The only opposition to the renewal in a vote of 56 to 14

came from members of the Rhodesian Front Party which originally imposed the emer-gency in November, 1965. The party said that there was no need for the emergency
Mr Joshua Nkomo, the leader Lord Corington to discuss the next phase in Middle East peace moves.

The another important visit, it is learned that Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Ministr, may make an official visit to Sudi Arabia, on her way back from India in April.

Mr Joshua Nkomo, the leader of the Patriotic Front Party, whose former portfolio was taken over this week by Mr Hove, was not in the House of Assembly for the vote, but those members of his party who were present voted with Mr Robert Mugabe's ruling Zanu (PF) party.

UN aide admits Cyprus discussions deadlocked

From Our Correspondent The Greek and Turkish Cyprios sides presented their proposals for a settlement of the constitutional aspect of the problem during this meeting. These proposals will be studied but will not be discussed again until the next section dayouted. Señor Rugo Gobbi, the special United Nations representative in Cyprus admitted for the first time today that until the next sussion devoted to the constitutional issue due in four weeks' time.

Until last month, Setor Gobbi and the two Cypriot representatives created a euphoric atmosphere by emphasizing daring their weekly meetings with the press that the talks were being carried out in an excellent atmosphere mosphere.

But it seems that the good climate proved insuficient to sustain any real progress when the talks returned after the Christmas recess and the two sides were required to submit concrete proposals on various

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That nippy little hatchback, the Fiesta, has always been one of the most advanced small cars in Britain. Now it's one of the best equipped too. And what does it cost? Still just £3537* for the 950cc L model.

Here's what we're adding to the Fiesta L.

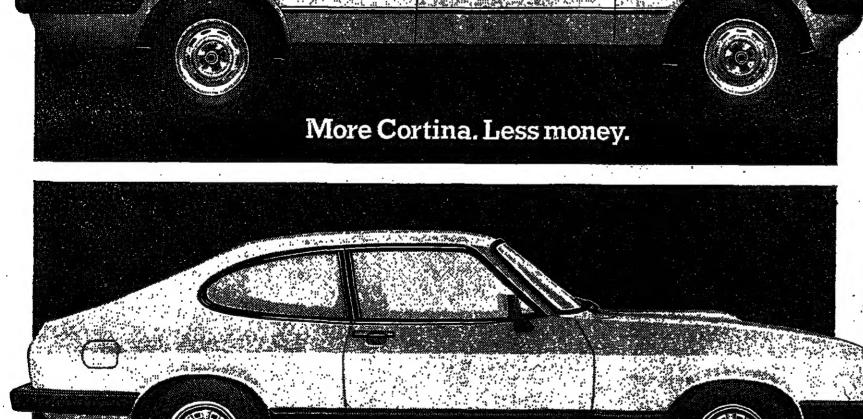
- Bodyside moulding Tailgate turn lock
- Head restraints. Centre console and clock
- Carpeted rear package tray
- Load compartment carpet
- P21 push button radio

All Fiesta L, GL, S and Ghia models are getting the added value treatment. The Popular costs so little it's amazing value already.

Unbelievable isn't it. Cortinas aren't just getting extra equipment. Some are actually coming down in price too. The 13 L, shown here, will cost only £4200* (£4052* for the two door model). But look what we're building in.

- Passenger door mirror
- Bodyside moulding
- York trim from the GL a class higher
- Head restraints Rear centre armrest
- Trip recorder Quartz clock

Price reductions? The Cortina L is down by £150. The Cortina saloon is down by £106. And the GL is down by £55. Cortina Estate, L and GL models are reduced by similar amounts.



Yet more good news. We're reducing the price of some Capris as well. The L is down by £32 to £4243* for the L3 litre model. The GL, featured here, is down by £32 to only £4855* for the L6 litre model. And the S is down by £32 to £5783* for the 2 litre model. But they're all getting improved specifications. Here's what we're adding to the GL.

- P32 radio with VHF
- Opening rear quarter vents
- Front centre armrest and glove box
- Tinted glass New cut pile carpet

Don't forget, there's also an exciting new Capri called the LS (see opposite page). It all adds up to a range of practical sporting cars with more flair than ever.

The Granada range includes 2.0, 2.3 and 2.8 litre petrol models, big, effortless, long-legged cars that you can drive all day without fatigue. But even they are getting extra equipment. Take the L, for instance. We're adding:

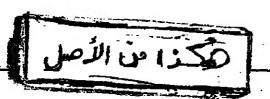
- A remote controlled driver's door mirror
- Front centre armrest and glove box
- Crushed velour upholstery from the GL
- Cigar lighter for rear seat passengers
- Front seat valances

But there are no increases in any Granada prices. The 2 litre L still costs only £6179.

Now if you're looking for value for money look at the next page ...



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Music while you drive? This P21 radio is going in the Fiesta L. It costs nothing. But think

what it's worth.

The Capri
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have very good
radios, now get
even better
ones. So if you
happen to see
any Capri
drivers singing

along in traffic jams, now you know why.

Cortina Ghia drivers will be even happier.

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That quartz clock ticking away under the radio is another 'gift'. Fiesta L's, Cortina L's and Capri L's all get them.

This remote control driver's door mirror is added to the Granada L. Like everything else on this page, it's free.

Where will you find this smart four spoke wheel where you wouldn't have found one before? In the Fiesta GL. Get your hands on one soon.

Or would you rather take a back seat for a change? This one is in the Cortina L.

That centre armrest you've just discovered is another free feature.

And the

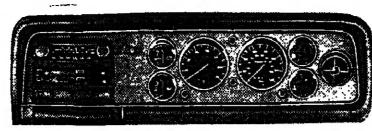
upholstery is York fabric from the GL – a class above.

Smart isn't it?

So are these alloy wheels. They're now standard on the Fiesta Ghia. It also gets a passenger door mirror, cut pile carpet and a radio cassette to name some of the new features.

Are you a quick change artist? With this sports gear knob, and a slick Ford gearbox you soon will be.

The knob is a nice little touch
we've added to the Cortina Ghia.
The new Capri LS also has one
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This instrument panel belongs in the new Capri LS, featured below. It looks like something out of Concorde, but it's easier to fly.

Dials are picked out in red.

These beautiful seats go in the Granada L.
They're upholstered in luxurious crushed velour. Not that we've forgotten the other Granadas.
The Ghia, for instance, gets rear head restraints in the saloon. And new Chatsworth and crushed velour trim.



Now here's something you'd never expect to get for nothing. A sun roof. But nothing is what it costs when you buy a Cortina Ghia saloon. Well, we could all do with a little solar energy these days couldn't we?

Which brings us to a highly energetic Fiesta – the one that shortens straights and straightens bends. The Supersport is now a full fledged

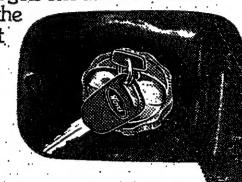
member of the Fiesta family.
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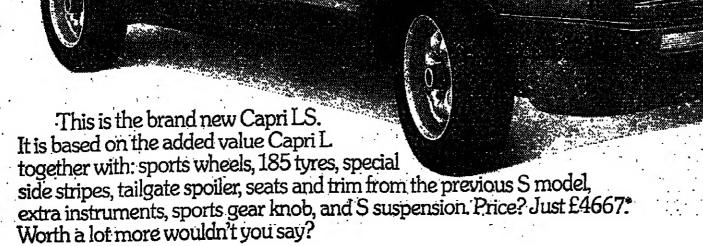
Extra Cover is just one more way Ford takes care of its customers. It's an optional warranty on major mechanical

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Freed hostages begin period of seclusion at Air Force hospital

From Patricia Clough Wiesbaden, Jan 21 The 52 American hostages released from Tehran, apparently well and in good spirits, rested today in the seclusion of the United States Air Force hospital here after their night-long journey to

The two white Nightingales United States Air Force hospital jets-which brought them from Algiers on the last leg of their flight landed at Rhein-Main air base at 6.44 am and

The doors opened and within moments television networks were broadcasting pictures via satellite to the anxious families and the American nation showing all the hostages, safe and in good condition after their in good condition

Wearing bulky Air Force anoraks against the crisp —6°C weather, the Americans emerged, many of them smiling and waving happily. One made a victory sign to the crowds, but a few of the older ones looked weary and a little pale in the bright floodlights as they crossed to their buses.

A tide of emotion—iov.

A tide of emotion-joy, relief, patriotism and senti-mentality—rose to meet them from the waiting American Servicemen and their families, the press and American offi-

cials on the tarmac.
Tears streamed down the faces of some of the govern-ment and military officials led by Mr Cyrus Vance, the former Secretary of State, who wel-comed them at the steps of the aircraft. A crowd of about 2.000, many of whom had waited all night in the cold, cheered ecstatically, waved banners and sang what sounded like "America the Beautiful". Church bells rang out in Viesbaden as the two blue buses drove the former hostages to the hospital, accom-panied by an escort of German and American police cars with flashing lights and press and

security helicopters. Their progress was slowed by jams caused by the rush hour combined with traffic restric-tions by police after reports of threats against the hostages.

Dawn was breaking as the 500-strong crowd at the hospital —or "Freedom Hotel" as it was called on a sheet hanging from the windows—broke into cheers at the sight of the buses. Once inside the hospital, welcomed and briefed, the hostages instantly rushed for the 24 tollfree telephones put in for them to talk to their families at home. Then, the press was told, most of them went to bed.

Later some were reported to have told officials that they had kept diaries of their captivity and a few wanted to pub-

tivity and a few wanted to nub-lish them as books. A techni-cian on board one of the aircraft said a bostage told him they had learnt only by accizine with articles about themcaptors had overlooked a reference in the index to his release. The "Little America" in cermany, the archipelago of United States military bases and communities, went overboard to make the hostages two-bed and four-bed hospital their captivity.

rooms had been brightened with children's posters and flowers, well-wishers had sent toiletries, servicemen's wives had baked cakes, and an American school brass band struck up on their arrival "Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak

Yellow ribbons were everywhere—tied to the trees out-side the hospital, hung over their doors, and even tied round the hostages' sleeves. In the evening former Presi-dent Carter arrived to welcome

dent Carter arrived to welcome the hostages as the personal envoy of President Reagan. Crowds at the air base waving placards saying "Love you, Mr Carter" and "Proud of Jimmy" gave him a rapturous welcome.

The ex-President and Mr

welcome.

The ex-President and Mr
Walter Mondale and Mr
Edmund Muskie (his former
Vice-President and Secretary of
State) were met by Herr
Helmut Schmidt, the West
German Chancelior. But the
Chancellor did not accompany
them to the hospital for their
hour-long private meeting with hour-long private meeting with the hostages.

the hostages.

The hostages are expected to stay in the hospital for several days for extensive medical and psychological examinations, counselling, and questioning on their experience. A special team of government and military medical staff cant to look after medical staff sent to look after

medical staff sent to look after them includes experts on the psychological effects of prolonged captivity and others who can detect signs of brainwashing. The team is believed to have been familiarized with the life history and character of each hostage.

Although Mr Jack Cannon, deputy State Department spokesman, said the hostages were free men, it was clear they had been strongly recommended to undergo several days of psychological decompression way from their families, the press and the public before returning home. Two of them who headed straight for the crowds at the air base were the crowds at the air base were grabbed by a security man and pointed firmly in the direction

of the buses.

The press had been denied all access to them and their families have been discouraged from travelling over to meet them. Nevertheless Miss Allysse Keough of Waltham, Massachusetugn or warnam, Massachusetts, came over to meet her father, Mr William Keough, suoerintendent of the American school in Tehran. Sgt Donald Hohman of the Army Medical Corps was also reunited his wife. Anna who has hear

bis wife, Anna, who has been living in Frankfurt.
Other hostages' families were rumoured to have come to Germany quietly on exclusive conwith American news-

papers or networks.

The period of seclusion was recommended for the hostages' health and well-being. Mr Cannon said, but it has been suggested that another reason may dent of the release of Mr have been warnings by psychia-Richard Queen, who was ill trists that among the reactions They had been given a maga- to their captivity may be hostility towards the American selves clipped out, but their authorities and sympathy for their captives. It is believed that the hostages will be ad-

Iran captors forced woman to play Russian roulette

From Michael Leapman New York, Jan 21

One of the 13 hostages freed from Iran soon after being cap-tured in 1979 revealed for the first time yesterday that her jailers made her play Russian roulette during her 17 days of

Miss Elizabeth Montagne, a secretary with the State Department, said the incident happened two days after the capture of the United States embassy. She was in a room by herself. "I knew that something terrible was going to happen", she said. "My hands were tied behind me very tightly.

the gun and spun the chamber, then put the barrel up to my head and then he pulled the

"There was a click. I thought I was going to die. They wanted information out of me. I was secretary to the charge d'affaires and I guess they thought I knew something.
"He was dissatisfied with my responses. There was another click and then I think one more and then he stopped. Like all the hostages released early, Miss Montagne had not revealed any-thing publicly about her capture until yesterday, when the others

were safely out of Iran. Mr Lloyd Rollins, another of "Then, one of the Iranians opened up the chambers of the gun and showed me that they were all empty and then he put one built inside. He closed Mr Lloyd Rollins, another of those in the November release, said that two of the women hostages had complained about the Russian roulette game

Inmates told to be silent at 'The Mushroom Inn'

Richard Queen and other American hostages in Iran were held for nearly five months in a windowless warehouse base-ment, which they called "The Mushroom Inn ". They were for-bidden to talk and allowed only 20 minutes of fresh air a week,

Mr Queen said today.

In an interview with the CBS network, Mr Queen revealed for the first time details of his 250-day captivity. He was released by the Iranians last July after he had developed multiple sclerosis, During the first five days of

captivity, Mr Queen said he was held in the American Ambassador's residence. "You had to ask to go to the toilet... but at that time we were bound, as I said, to chairs, facing the wall...then one night I was taken with several others and moved back to the consulate." He was held there in a large room with 25 or 30 others, he said. "There were no chairs and the first few days there were no beds."

and that was our-at least my, see them all feel as Ameri-

Queen said he was moved to "The Mushroom Inu". He stayed there until mid-March, 1980.

"There were no windows. It was like living in a tomb. You didn't hear the outside world. You didn't know what was go-

You didn't know what was going on at all."

Though their captors banned talking, Mr Queen said he and his roommate, Mr Joe Hall, whispered to each other. The hostages were allowed to shower every third day or so. "We were taken out about once every week. We were taken to a little, very small courtyard right by the ambassador's residence and were allowed to exercise and see the sun and hear the traffic, hear the birds, for about 20 minutes a week."

Although he was initially

Although he was initially confident that his captivity would be quickly ended, Mr Queen said his morale dropped after a month and his spirits were "quite low". He said that one good thing The hostages' hands were had resulted from the crisis: bound and talking was for- "To see the country act as a bidden. "We got a few books completely united group ... to ter planned to fly to Washing-ton as soon as her fiancee arrived there from Germany.

Champagne and tears as millions celebrate

From Michael Leapman From Michael Leapman
New York, Jan 21
The Empire State Building
was floodlit patriotically in red,
white and blue and a neon sign
in Times Square, the heart of
Broadway, flashed: "They're
free." The same message was
emblazoned on a hoarding at a
building site on Madison Ave-

emblazoned on a hoarding at a building site on Madison Avenue, where workmen have kept count of the days the hostages were in captivity.

The jubilation in New York mirrored the national joy last night when millions attended parades, church services and spontaneously celebrated the release of the 52 instant heroes from their Iranian ordeal.

In Washington, the national In Washington, the national Christmas tree, darkened for the last two years, was lit a month late. "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America" were sung time and

The most intense and emoin towns and communities where the families of the 52 lived. Residents had offered generous emotional support to the victims' relatives and joined in the relief as though their own families were involved.

Last night the families sat round their television sets

round their television sets watching the live broadcasts by satellite from Algiers, Frank-furt and Wiesbaden and many were themselves appearing on television.

The networks, using the split screen techniques, showed the families' reaction to the longawaited first glimpse of their relatives; the former hostages, already inelegantly dubbed "returness" and the families could be seen simultaneously. Champagne and tears flowed without restraint.

For the second day, normal television programmes were cast aside for the live bulletins

by satellite.

In the heart of prime time, there was a 90-minute broadcast from Algiers. The fact that for nearly an hour viewers saw only a darkened airport pierced by sleet and indefinable lights scarcely detracted from the drama.

A few of the families have expressed disappointment at not being allowed to go to Wiesbaden to greet their husbands and sons. For the most part, though, they have accepted the advice of the State Department that the former hostages should have a few days to recover



Mr Jimmy Carter at Wiesbaden with Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellar.



before being exposed to the emotional strain of reunion.

Decent haircut at last for Mr Bruce Laingen in the hospital barber's shop.

The republic trundles out its deposed king

regarded for the first time since in a few days. his own apotheosis.

There is a huge parade in explode behind the monuments to past kings (Lincoln, Washington), there are balls and re-ceptions and a junior military officer carefully explains to the new monarch how he can blow

up the world.

Mr Ronald Reagan wore a morning suit and made everyone else wear one, too, including poor Mr Carter who had worn less elegant clothing at his own inaugural. He drove from Capitol to White House (Mr Carter had walked) and his wife wore a scarlet suit and hat of the sort that glows in the

dark.
It was white tie and tails for the men and new dresses for the women at the balls last night, \$100 (about £41) a head

and a cash bar.
Astonishing numbers of people know the Reagans intimately (it must be true, they The Reagans vall say it). "I just want to get inaugural balls."

From Patrick Brogan
Washington, Jan 21
This is a republic and every four years it holds a coronation. Ing. off one shoulder, and four years it holds a coronation. ing, off one shoulder, and The old king is trundled out to \$7,000. Those who missed it witness the event silent and discan see it in the Smithsonian

the inaugural balls professed not to care, those who went professed to have found them tacky and boring. Everyone loved the fireworks and the parade.

Here are the differences between a British and an American coronation proces-sion. It rained on the last one in London; it was sunny here. Americans are incorrigibly civilian; the parade had little of a military cast and the troops had great trouble staying in step—when they tried.

There were floats representing all the states in the Union (big cheers for California) with all the pretty girls aboard who were conspicuously missing at the inaugural balls later. There were high school bands and trotting horses and people dressed like Daniel Boone and

Davy Crockett. The Reagans went to all eight

Trade sanctions are lifted by Britain

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

Sanctions on trade with Iran, first imposed by the British night last night after the release respectively and boosted by a of the American hostages, further \$42m in August.

Other EEC countries and mem. A number of British combers of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Deelopment are taking similar

steps.
But the lifting of the trade sanctions, announced by the Department of Trade, will not affect the sale of strategic goods or arms which will remain sub-ject to export licensing control. This means that for the time being the 20,000-ton Iranian naval supply vessel. Kharg, built by British Shipbuilders and handed over last April will remain on Tyneside, presum-ably until the future of the four British detainees still held in Iran is resolved.

The sanctions applied to registration of new contracts, existing contracts being unaffected. In fact, total British exports to Iran last year rose to £395m compared with £232m the magicus year. the previous year. Imports fell to £108m compared with £243m the previous year, reflecting the

effects of the Iranian revolution on oil production.

Last year's British exports to first imposed by the British Iran reflected particularly high Covernment last May, were levels of shipments in February lifted with effect from mid- and April at £45m and £54m

panies which had established close trading relations with Iran have pulled out and several have developed business links with Iraq. The building up of Britain's export busiwith Iran will be determined by the extent to which Iran decides to spend its money in the West and when normal diplomatic relations

Among the main casualties of the trade sanctions has been the Export Credits Guarantee Department. Claims met by it on the losses of British companies active in Iran now exceed £100m and unless there is a sharp improvement in

factors which prompted the department to increase its premiums on all British exports last month. Parliamentary report, page 11

London banks given £830m

yesterday.
Mr Kit McMahon, the Deputy
Governor, and Mr David
Somerset, the chief cashier,
flew into Heathrow on board
a United States Air Force aircraft and were greeted on
arrival by Mr Kingman Brewteer the American Ambersador ster, the American Ambassador. Further details on the role played by British banks in the played by British banks in the financial arrangements over the hostages are beginning to emerge. Since Friday, officials of the leading British banks, including Barclays, National Westminster, Midland and Lloyds were standing by day and night to belp with recycling Iranian funds frozen in American banks.

arrangements between the Jranians and the Americans, United States banks were to release several thousand million dollars to a special account opened at the Bank of England. hostages returned from Algiers Initially the money was trans-yesterday. Initially the money was trans-ferred to an Algerian account and, after the release of the hostages, to the specially opened Iranian account. But transfers of such magni-

tude would have, temporarily at least, forced American banks to least, forced American banks to bid for new deposits and possibly drive up rates of interest while they were doing so. To avoid monetary havoc, the Bank of England is understood to have deposited more than \$2,000m (more than £833m) with the British banks.

They in turn as preggranged

They in turn, as prearranged, deposited the money back into American banks. This recycling process would have taken place ands fruzen in American in any case but some days could have elapsed before the full Under the complex financial circle was complete.

US keeps Navy in Gulf area

Washington, Dec 21 The Pentagon has no inten-

The Pentagon has no intention, as things stand, of withdrawing or reducing the United States Navy's presence in the Gulf area. A fleet of some 32 ships, including two aircraft carriers, has been patrolling the area since the hostages were captured in November 1979.

A Navy spokesman said today that there had been no orders from the new Administration for any change in the status of the Gulf Fleet Pentagon officials explained that there was no reason for any change while

state of war and while Soviet troops remained in Afghanistan not far from the sea lanes bringing middle-east oil to the

recent weeks that the new Administration intends to maintain a strong military presence in the Middle East Mr Alexander Haig, confirmed by the Senate today as Secretary of State (93 votes to six), said during the hearing that he favoured an increased military presence in the Gulf area. presence in the Gulf erea.

Mr Carter's promise to Algerians echoed

From Ian Murray

Algiers, Jan 21
It was with free champagne and broad smiles that the United States Embassy officials in Algiers told the press that the hostages on the Air Algerie 727 had been escorted out of Iranian airspace by a Phantom

There had been no official confirmation until that moment and months of disappointment and shattered hopes had obviously trained American officials to expect nothing and to say even less. Even when it was known the aircraft had left Tehran sirport, the embassy press officer would only say he was waiting for news from the World Service of the BBC.

When the all clear was given, the champagne came out and the champagne came out and the champagne to shake hands and

it was time to shake hands and laugh with the journalists and camera crews, some of whom had been waiting around for up to two months.

The relief was evident on the theories side as well for there

Algerian side as well, for there had been increasing concern that Algeria would suffer if things went wrong. Failure in its delicate task of go between might even win it international

unpopularity.
It was Algeria's Islamic culture and its French colonial
history which fitted it for the seemingly impossible job of acting as trusted confident both to the profoundly suspicious Iranian revolutionary Government and Washington which represented a system despised

by the Iranians. Mr Mubammad Benyahia the Algerian Foreign Minister, whose role was capital in all the negotiations, was chosen by his Government to meet the hostages when they landed at Houari Boumedianne airport

As they crowded into the VIP lounge blinking in the harsh television lights, M Benyahia gave them the first of the many speeches of welcome they will hear in the days to

The request by the Iranians to act for them, he said, "appeared to be an act of confidence in the Algerian people, its revolution and its rulers, and a witness of the high qualiand a witness of the high qualities of esteem and the sentiments of fraternity which exist
between the Algerian people
and the Iranian people.
"We accepted this responsibility with the sharp awareness
that it was a heavy one, but
with the feeling that we must
accomplish a duty dictated to us
by the evertise of our inter-

by the exercise of our inter-national obligations." The minister then handed over the freed hostages to Mr Warren Christopher, now the former. United States Deputy

Secretary of State, whose determination as the chief American negotiator here had played a large part in securing their

more formal message scnt by Mr Carter to President Chadli Bendjedid. This spoke of the "immense debt of gratitude"

owed by the American people to Algeria. No threat to international relations, no quarrel between nations in recent years had been so difficult to resolve as this one, the former President said: "The United States will

said: "The United States will never forget."

The hostages themselves would clearly never forget their arrival and welcome in the middle of a rainstorm. The hour and 25 minutes they spent in Algeria, listening to speeches and sipping orange juice were perhaps a necessary recutry in to their own world after 444

davs' detention. It was an emotive night, too, for the small crowd of Americans who gathered at the air-port to cheer and with a strand of yellow ribbon—that tradi-tional token gift to the returning soldier.

The stopover showed Algerians the fruits of their diplomatic labours. The television service broadcast the arrival live and its pictures were syndicated throughout the world-a proud first scoop, as the national newspaper El Moud-jahid put it today.

The Algerian Press Service also had a world scoop in that their man was the only journalist allowed to fly on board the 727 from Tehran with the hostages.

He reported that the happiness of all of them shone through as they boarded the aircraft. "It is a very good evening", one had said shaking him by the hand. "Thanks", one of the two women hostages had told him with rears in her

eyes.
Mr. Bruce I. singen, the American Charge d'Affzires, who was the senior diplomat among the hostages, hugged M Rada Malek the Algerian Representative to the United States, and thanked

The hostages were then taken back through the rain to the waiting C9 Nighting les of the United States Air Force, with a red cross painted on their talls to show that they were equipped as flying hospital wards.

A top-level Iranian delegation, led by Mr Moussa Klanteri, the Minister of Transport
and Communications, arrived in

Algiers yesterday to discuss the problems of transport with Mr Salah Goudjil, his Algerian counterpart. Mr Goudjil told him: "Like

the brothers that we are we want our cooperation to be

release... Mr Christopher again thanked Algeria warmly for all it had

strong and it will be in our mutual interest." The Algerian Government will clearly expect that Mr Carter's promise that the United States will never forget its debt

to Algeria, will be put into a more tangible form by President Reagan.

'Mutual paranoia' almost wrecked the negotiations

Frankfurt, Jan 21.-Negotiations to free the American hostages almost collapsed because of "mutual political paranoia", but eventually succeeded because Iran found the hostages a severe political and economic liability, senior Carrer Administration officials

said today.
The ultimate release of the hostages was delayed for weeks and even months because Iran was distracted by its war with Iraq and that "shoved the hos-

tage issue aside",
In the end, one official said,
I think the Iranians became Think the Iranians became sick and tired of the hostages". The officials described a cliff-hanging negotiation so complex that Mr Hamilton Jordan, the former White House Chief of Staff, said it was like "a Willy Moscone pool (billiards) shot where you had to have 10 balls going into the pocket all at once for it

the pocket all at once for it to work. The officials, who asked not to be identified, made their comments while accompanying former President Carter to West Germany to welcome the

freed Americans.
The officials said the final cementing of the hostage deal involved two days of open telephone lines around the world—connecting 12 banks, law firms, connecting 12 banks, law firms, threatened to destroy the nego-and the Governments of Iran, Algeria, the United States and officials to "paranoia"

several other countries. The low point in the 14-month negotiations came on Monday and early Tuesday when Iran delayed for hours sending a coded Telex message to put in motion the transfer of some of its frozen assets.

"First there was silence," one official said. "And then, as one of the lawyers said, the Telex burped." The first messages contained typographical errors, and the banks hesitated IO act

Then, "with the help of the Secretary of the Treasury, they took their courage in their hands, and they agreed to go ahead," he said.

Although Iran was once interested in the American military space has a said.

interested in the American military spare parts ordered by the deposed Shah, one of the officials said, the prospect of reestablishing a military relationship with the United States became an "anathema" in Iran, causing the revolutionary Government to drop the whole subject.

"In the end, they gave up almost everything they had

almost everything they had originally demanded.

Mr Carter's decision to freeze the Iranian assets in America "really worked", the officials said. The last minute snags that

Paper states 'US could not do a damn thing'

From Tony Allaway

jani, Speaker of the Iranian Parliament, today hailed the departure of the hostages as the

departure of the hostages as the end of an "historic, exciting and fruitful episode".

But he also warned of possible new political friction following their release. In a speech to Parliament to mark the end of the 444-day crisis, Ayatollah Rafsanjani implicitly accused Iranian "liberals" of planning to make political planning to make political capital from the release.

"I want to warn you that opportunists and biased people will start their poisonous prop-aganda," he declared, but added that the hostage deal was one of "the great constructive measures in history".

The Iranian Speaker heaped

praise on the student militants who captured the American Embassy here over 14 months ago—MPs, who set the condiago—MPs, who set the conditions for the hostages' release—and the Government, which "skillfully" negoriated the deal. He said Ayatollah Khomeini, the effective ruler of Iran, had "played the role of a leader at the world level", "We really felt [America] was the great satan in these

From Tony Allaway sensitive word to cheat if
Tehran, Jan 21 possible ", Ayatollah Rafsanjani Speaker of the Iranian

of organizing the Gulf war be cause of the hostages and said America, its Arab allies and Israel would eventually be defeated. "From this gate of the United States spy centre, the road to Jerusalem has been opened to us."

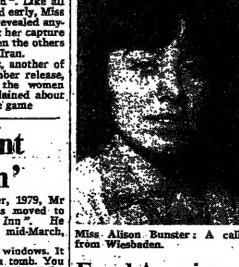
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opened to us."

The Islamic Republic, the newspaper of the dominating Republican Party, also hostage The Islamic newspaper of the dominating Iranian Republican Party, also hailed the end of the hostage crisis in a leading article entitled: "US could not do a damn thing."

The paper criticized "liberals" like President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and Mr Sadeq Qotbzadeh, the former Foreign Minister, for their opposition to the hostage taking.
"The first and most valuable result of continuing the spy hostages issues was that finally the religious people overcame the liberals."

Ayatollah Muhammad Hoseyn Beheshii, head of the Supreme Court, today refuted suggestions that the end of the hostage issue might mark the beginning of new relations with America. "We do not see any negotiations. Even in typing reason for beginning new diplo-documents, they would miss a matic relations he said.



Freed American contacts **English fiancee**

Staff sergeant Joe Subic, one Staff sergeant Joe Subic, one of the Americans freed from Tebran, has telephoned Miss Alison Bunster, his English fiancee, from hospital in Wiesbaden. The couple, who became engaged by letter during Mr Subic's captivity, talked for an hour yesterday, Miss Bunster being at the Foreign Office in London where she works as a secretary.

Later, her mother, Mrs Shir ley Bunster, said at her home in Southampton: "She tells me Joe is fine although he says he has had a tremendous ordeal and it will take him some time to adjust to the fact that he's Mrs Bunster said her daugh-

Reagan plea to ministers on new employees

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Jan 21

President Reagan began his first full day in office with a Cabinet meeting in the White House at which he urged the assembled ministers to obey his order to hire no new employees. The order was his first act as President yesterday and applies to all branches of the Government except the armed forces. The Senate has started confirming Ministers in office and will probably confirm all of

will probably confirm all of them roday except Mr Ray Donavan, the Secretary of Labour designate. He is a building contractor from New Jersey and allegations that his firm had dealings with the mafia are being examined. The first Minister voted into office was Mr Caspar Weinberger, approved by 98 to two. The two were Mr Jesse Helms and John East, the Republican Senators from North Carolina. Mr Helms is probably the most influential of the new breed of extreme conservatives in Con-

gress and his disapproval of Mr Weinberger is a sign of things to come. The far right has not been pleased by Mr Reagan's choice of Cabiner and lesser officials. They wanted someone much more aggressively anti-Russian more aggressively anti-Russian for Defence, such as Senator John Tower, or perhaps Senator

Mr Reagan will preside at the swearing in of his Cabinet and has already sworn in mem-bers of his own staff. The Cabiner's first announced business was the economy and Mr Reagan immediately asked for official recommendations on

deposit to avoid havoc

By Roman Eisenstein
Banking Correspondent
The two senior Bank of
England officials who had been
helping with negotiations for
the release of the American
hostsess returned from Algiers

From Our Own Correspondent Iran and Iraq remained in a

West.
Spokesmen for President
Reagan have emphasized in
recent weeks that the new

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I would value your opinion on a matter of concern to me and of great interest to the public: on the question of the laws regulating the opening hours of shops.

You may have noticed that my company, Dickie Dirts, is running an opinion poll to obtain the views of the general public on this issue. The poll has been run through the national press and polling booths have been set up at my outlets.

The opinion poll asks: At present it is against the law for shops to sell most types of goods after eight at night and on Sundays.

1) Do you think that shops should be allowed to sell most types of goods after 8.00 p.m.at night?

2) Do you think that shops should be allowed to sell most types of goods on Sundays?

The results so far are: 'Yes' to Sundays and late night 24,101; 'Yes' to late night 24,555; 'No' to Sundays and late night 628; 'No' to Sundays 1,082; Votes taken overali 25,183.

The overwhelming majority of people who have voted 'Yes' to both questions in the opinion poll, have given as their reasons that they are the most convenient times for them to shop.

A copy of an advertisement publicising the results so far is enclosed.

Dickie Dirts operates two cut price retail clothing outlets which are open seven days a week 9 a.m.-11 p.m., has been in open breach of the law for the last three years, and has often been prosecuted. We operate a rotating shift system so that staff do not have to work more than 37½ hours per week.

I am writing to you and all the other Members of the House as I would be most interested to hear what you have to say on the subject and whether you have any plans to amend the current shop act regulations.

Yours sincerely,

Dickie Dirts opinion pol

OVERSEAS.

Junta begins to loosen reins of political control in Argentina

By Peter Strafford carry out illegal abductions, and large numbers of innocent repressive rule by the military regime in Argentina, the first worldwide condemnation, most

regime in Argentina, the first signs have begun to appear of an easing of the political armosphere. The Government retains tight control, but it has apparently decided to allow a certain liberalization.

The political parties have become more active over the past year, and their activities are more fully reported, even when they are critical of Government policies. Some of the main Buenos Aires newspapers are themselves much bolder in their criticisms.

their criticisms. Semi-official kidnappings and disappearances still take place, and the authorities dispersed a peaceful protest march in Buenos Aires in December by relatives of those who have dis-appeared in this way in the past. But the disappearances are far fewer than they were.

are far fewer than they were.

The question, therefore, is how far the military will allow this process to go. They have always said that their eventual aim was to return the country to democracy, but they have not shown any hurry to do so and clearly intend to retain control for a long time.

In March, however, there will be a change of government when General Roberto Viola takes over as President from General Videla; and there is some expectation that he will introduce some changes. He is

introduce some changes. He is said to believe that he has a mandate for change.

mandate for change.

He will not be a free agent, since he will be subordinate to the three-man military junta, consisting of the commanders of the Army, Navy and Air Force. But he has a reputation as a skilled practitioner of military politics, and the expectation is that he can have considerable influence if he chooses to use it.

So far he has been very general in his public statements. But he has made a deliberate attempt to make himself better known by his appearances on

The Argentine armed forces took over power in 1976 at a time of growing chaos, as the government of President Maria Estela Perón was losing control. There were powerful guerrilla movements carrying out a ter-rorist campaign, and the economy was on the point of

Since then the military Government's policies have succeeded in subdizing the economy. But its policy of wholesale repression, by which it used semi-official groups to

accused by Russia of militarism

recently from a human rights commission sent by the Organi-zation of American States.

Today the terrorist threat has been virtually eliminated. But

the armed forces have still to face up to the consequences of their counter-terrorist campaign,

by providing some sort of ex-planation of the thousands who

disappeared and by releasing or riving the more than 1,500 still held in prison without being

It is ironic that at a time when there is an improvement

in the human rights situation it

should be becoming more of a public issue. This is partly because of the greater freedom

of the press to discuss the sub-

ject, and partly because of the award of the Nobel Prize to Señor Pérez Esquivel.

The Argentine ambassador in Oslo ostentatiously stayed away

from the ceremony when Señor Perez received the prize. This was criticized in the press and the movements of Señor Perez.

previously almost entirely un-

For the moment there is no

great pressure for the holding of elections soon, and no pros-pect that they will be called. The next steps in the slow pro-

cess of returning power to civi-lians are likely to be the appointment of civilians as pro-vincial governors and, possibly,

the holding of municipal elec-

are badly split but it is thought that if they could unite, they would still win any election. Many Argentines still look back

on the years of Peronist rule as

restrict the power of the trade unions, one of the main pillars of the Peronist regime, by recent legislation which requires

them to be non-political bans the creation of a national con-federation, and deprives them of their social welfare funds.

But the unions remain power

ful despite being politically divided. There have been under-

ground meetings of the old General Confederation of Lab-

our (CGI).
The military would certainly

golden age. The Government has tried to

The two main parties, now limbering up, are the Peronists and the Radicals. The Peronists

mown, are now reported.

From Michael Binyon
Moscow, Jan 21
The Russians today sharply attacked Mr John Nott, the new Secretary of Defence, saying that he had taken up his post with a call to continue the arms race, ardently trying to demonstrate his 100 per cent support for the Conservatives.

Mr Nott is

support for the Conservatives' militarist doctrines. A Pravda commentator said the British Government, eagerly

following orders from across the Atlantic, was obstinately dragging the country along a dangerous path. The new head of the defence establishment did not hide the Government's desire to increase its military capabilities in every way and perfect the technology and production of deadly weapons. The newspaper said this aggressive, unrealistic course "

in international affairs in no way increased Britain's auth-ority. Instead, it damaged detente and undermined international trust. But the British Government deliberately refused to withdraw from its short-sighted positions. A record defence hudget had been approved at a time when the country's economy was in a grievous state and could have

done with the billions of pounds allotted to defence.

In their efforts to achieve military superiority over the Soviet Union and its allies, the

Soviet Union and its allies, the newspaper went on, the Conservatives were ready to make any sacrifice, to buy new weapons and to allow the stationing of American nuclear missiles in East Anglia.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's Government, putting its faith in the arms race, took no notice of the opinion of the peaceloving public in the country, Pravda maintained, especially the inhabitants of those areas where it was planned to station where it was planned to station the American rockets.

"Trying to justify their actions the Tories again and again resort to the Soviet threat." John Nott was not original: in order to support bis militarist statements, he also approved this false argu-ment.

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Passport for bishop

Johannesburg, Jan 21.— Bishop Desmend Tutu, Secre-tary-general of the South African Council of Churches, has had his passport returned to him by the Government. His passport was confiscated last March. Prudence Glynn

Back with the washboard and give drudgery its due

Then there was just this hand-kerchief. I stood poised by the ironing board, which I had ironing board, which I had managed to erect with the minimum number of blood blis-ters. I had remembered to check the bottom of the iron for any untoward residue, always a hazard in family life since the last user may have been trying to flatten a black plastic snake, and this is not good news for the pearl grey silk crepe de chine blouse.

I was poised, in the interests of research, to do The Ironing, and since this is the domestic chore I hate more than most, I was wearing the sickly smug look of martyrdom. You know that look, a really special type of smirk. On the faces of more simple folk it suggests they are not right in the head, indeed possibly barty. On the face of the sophisticated martyr it is the gloat of understanding,

often not untainted with spite. But martyrs are determined to go through with it, so nothing can be more frustrating than to find there is nothing to go through with. Tied to the stake, just as the Tied to the stake, just as the green smoke begins to curl from the faggots, or the moose is getting a touch tight, up gallops the King's Whoever, rears to a halt (horses are frightful hams) and says "Stop It". Tied symbolically to the end of a bit of electric flex, I contemplated with glee 13½in deep of neatly folded laundry running the gamut of blouson to vest, school blouse, cotton corduroys, wool challis, polyester mix, pure silk. And then the only thing which needed ironing was the hanky.

To be honest, having pitifully little of the marryr in me, I should not pretend to any great disappointment, but I wanted to put to the test a statement I read recently that many women actually like many women actually like ironing. They not only like it, they find it therapeutic. Taking a bash at the Old Man's shirts is almost as good as taking a bash at the Old Man himself. What a good bit of heavy digging is to the male so ironing is to the female indeed the electric iron was deed the electric iron was voted the most indispensable appliance in a recent survey).

The Times Cook

Shona

Crawford Poole

History has it that the dish named after Napoleon's victory

at one battle of Marengo was concocted by his chef from the only ingredients available in the

war-torn countryside. Thus chicken and crayfish were cooked with olive oil, garlic,

tomatoes, brandy and eggs, an unorthodox combination which survives to the present day. And if the origin of chicken

Marengo has been seasoned-tip in the re-telling, there is pretty sure to be a good portion of truth in the tale. For if neces-sity is the mother of invention

in the wider world, it is surely so in the kitchen.

conspire to assist or thwart one's efforts with sometimes

surprising results. Hence the

undeserved success of a sauce that seemed doomed to fail. It

that seemed doomed to fail. It was going to be a bernaise but the wine was red not white, the vinegar was flavoured with lemon not tarragon, and the herbs were a mixture of dried fines instead of fresh chervil and tarragon. Need—in this case lack of organization—dictated that these were the flavourings when accident intervened in the form of unfamiliar controls on the stove and the sauce boiled. Here the luck of cooking at an altitude of over 5,000 it had lowered boiling point sufficiently to save the egg yolk and botter emulsion from separating.

irresistible method of cooking many vegetables. Not only do they keep their colour and flavour and a bire of crispness, but a minimum of their mutri-

but a minimum of their nutri-tional value is lost in the cook-ing process. The method is spiendidly quick and its few principles easily mastered. An iron work the traditional basin-shaped Chinese cooking pot, is the ideal mensil for the job because it has the right

beat-conducting characteristics and its deep sloping sides allow fairly large quantities of in-

gredients to be stirred and

from separating.

Need, accident and luck can

ironing was the hanky.

stance. as I had proved, the operation is almost entirely superficuous.

Well, if superfluous labouring is so obviously an opiate for the masses, there should be an immediate reduction in the number of labour-saving devices available; their allocation should be carefully supervized, perhaps with the help of an NHS psychiatrist or social worker.

social worker.

As unemployment rises and longevity gets, well, longer, many people clearly have not enough to do, and since women are the first to get the sack in times of trouble and also live longer than men of the mindless babble conducted at hideous expense via a set of strings occupied by a chicken with webbed feet.

All in all, if my propositions are the first to get the sack in times of trouble and also live longer than men. also live longer than men, a step back to more active hou-sework could fill in slack time

In monetary terms the gain In monetary terms the gain would be enormous. The reasons for Britain's hundation with foreign appliances, very annoying to the protectionist lobby, are quite simple. They are generally better designed, more reliable, cheaper, more efficient and more likely to arrive than the home product, which has to rely in the main on ESC's capricious steel delion BSC's capricious steel deli-veries and gulp-making prices. With only specified categories of people allowed to have washing machines, think of the effect on the balance of pay-

Local authorities would be able to meet the demand for spending cuts by abolishing night classes for the idle in Yoga, pottery and olde tyme dancing. Yoga is usually just a trendy word for keen fit and you can as easily work off those extra ounces by getting down on hands and knees with a dustpan and brush. After the washing, everyone's hands will be far too sore and cracked for whirling clay about, and as for old tyme dancing, we would all be out on our feet in quite another sense.

The television people would also save money. They would no longer have to provide those expensive and incomprehensible weather charts, with the little bits which lift on and even though the gardener can off magnetically and which are

forecasters, forever darting outside to see if it is wise to

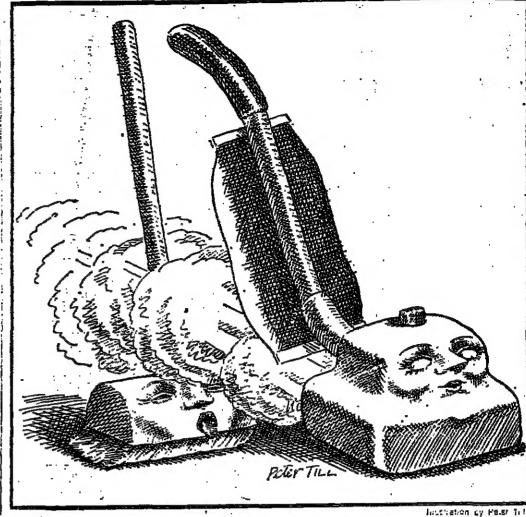
mendously time-consuming activity requiring a degree of grammar, vocabulary, and taste in presentation not needed in the mindless babble conducted

outside to see it it is wise to hang out the sheets, and they would bellow their opinions over the garden wall.

Which reminds me, telephones would be virtually abolished. They have destroyed the art of letter writing, a tremendously time-consuming acceptance of

weather darting wise to neurotic nuclear shelter planning (just hide under the grand plano); no time for outlies by hand). These are lily about the plagues of California, where filling in time is becoming an art form in itself.

To complete my research I have taken a survey of the labour saving devices which labour saving devices which support my life style. Clothes washer (Hoover, with what I consider a bad switch design) dryer, great until you forget to empty the fluff catcher and finally extract a French beret;



Wash and very thorough dry the beansprouts. Pick out any which are badly damaged and discard any bean skins sticking to them. If the sprouts are

more than, about 5 cm (2 inches) long, cut them in halves. Finely slice the celery, cutting it diagonally across the stalk like French bread. Cut the pepper in halves, discard the seeds and slice the flesh into

narrow strips. Slit the leek in

thoroughly dry it, and cut it into narrow diagonal strips. If

you are using spring onions chop them in very short lengths.

Peel the garlic and chop it very

finely.
Combine all the vegetables,

except the garlic, and mix them

wash and

halves lengthwise.

Turks seize another journalist

Istanbul, Jan 21.—Istanbul authorities bave detained a third member of the staff of Turkey's mass-circulation news-paper Hurriyet (freedom), a spokesman for the paper said

He said that Mr Taygunture, a senior editorial executive, was detained yesterday following a prolonged investigation into the publication of a story by the paper nearly two weeks ago about plans to introduce massive price increases in nationalized

The paper's managing director and news editor are already in custody and at least four other journalists have been questioned.

Turkey's military junta, which seized power last September, has not introduced formal press censorship, but editors have im-posed self-censorship after frequent warnings from the

Government.
Although several smaller right and left wing papers were closed down after the coup, the big dailies have published contimously except for the left-leaning Cumhuriyet. It was closed down for 10 days in November and its distribution suspended for five days this month in the southern city of

Suzuki tour improves relations with Asean

shown that Tokyo supports the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Asean) in its opposition to the Vietnamee over Kampuchea.

During his tour, Mr Suzuki, who returned to Japan yester-day, reflected his country's more aggressive style on foreign

In recent years the Japanese have tried hard to keep the lines open to Hanoi and not purely because of the short-term profits to be made in the reconstruction of Vietnam.
Until the Suzuki tour, Japan's
policy on Vietnam was to prevent it becoming totally dependent on the Soviet Union.

But Mr Suzuki's call to Viet-nam for an immediate response to the international com-munity's demands for a con-ference on Kampuchea was an interesting reflexion of Japan's new, more assertive international diplomatic style.
"If you analyse his speech (in

Bangkok); you see that Suzuki was making a very strong com-mitment to Asean on Asean's terms," one western diplomat

From David Watts

Eangkok, Jan 21

The Japanese perhaps built up his final speech too much in advance so that it raised unrealistic expectations and Mr Zenko Suzuki, the Japanese

Prime Minister has clearly they have no one to blame but themselves for that. have now made their choicethey've cut the Vietnames

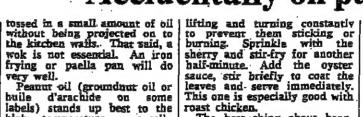
> pleased with the results that the tour has produced on the international political level. As Mr Suzuki said in Bang-kok, the relationship between Japan and Asean has reached a new level of maturity. That is not to say that there is always either warmth or trust on cer-tain issues in certain countries but Tokyo and the five Asean capitals (Manila, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta and Bangkok) are learning to live with each other.

Not all was sweetness and light, however. In Jakarta and Kuala Lumpur, Japan failed to get new commitments for oil supplies—in Jakarta because of continuing

supplies—in Jakarta because of continuing concern about Tokyo's new friendship for Peking.

Paradoxically economic questions were the least concern in the only two Asean countries—Singapore and Thailand—which have the continuing th have trade deficits with Japan. With Singapore, the imbalance is largely a technical one.

Accidentally on purpose



unless you are prepared to sac-tifice speed for their flavour. A wide variety of vegetables are suitable for stir-frying. Bean sprouts, spring onions and Chinese leaves are predictable candidates. Less obviously suitable choices include any vege-tables which can be cooked lightly and quickly when cut into pieces of appropriate shape

and uniform size. Stir-fried spring onions
Serves two

170g (6oz) spring onions 2 tablespoons peanut oil l tablespoon soy or tamari sauce Freshly ground black pepper to

Trim both ends of the spring onions and discard any floopy or discoloured outer layer. Cut them in balves, and if the white end halves are the thickness of a pencil or fatter, slit them lengthwise. Wash and thoroughly dry them.

Heat the pan until it is very hot and add the oil which should

look shimmery at once. Before it starts to smoke (if it does start again with slightly less hear and fresh oil) add the spring onions all at once. Fry them for about two minutes, lifting and turning constantly to prevent them sticking and burning. Add the sty sauce and continue stirring and lifting until the spring onions are just cooked and most of the liquid has evaporated.

Serve immediately with almost any alkinds evaporated.

almost any plainly roasted or

Chinese oyster sauce, which does indeed include oysters, or at any rate extracts from them. tastes more like a cross between Bovril and Marmite than any Boyril and Marmite than anything much to do with shellfish. This being the case it is curious that it goes as well as it does with lettuce or Chinese leaves. If you have not already met it in a restaurant, it is worth a 40p trial from most suppliers of oriental foodstuffs. Stir-fried lettuce

1 large cos lettuce or half a head of Chinese leaves 2 tablespoons pesnut oil 2 tablespoons dry sherry

tablespoons oyster sauce (see

from separating.

The result was not, of course, bernaise, Nor is it likely to be recorded in the annals of culinary history, but the fickle finger of fate had dictated that it was a most acceptable sauce. Unexpected guests accounted, on another occasion, for the improvized stir-fried spring onions which turned out to go very nicely with roast lamb. And this led to further experiments with stir-fried vegetables intended for serving with simply prepared meat or fish rather than as part of a full scale Chinese meal.

Once tried, stir-frying is an irresistible method of cooking (Syods Cut the tough base from the lettuce or Chinese leaves and discard any damaged outer leaves. Cut it in 2.5cm (1 inch) wide strips across the leaves. If necessary, wash it and dry rery thoroughly. (Small cos lettuces may be quartered lengthwise instead of being cut

in strips.)
Heat the pan until it is very not and add the oil which should look shimmery at once. Before it starts to smoke add the chopped leaves all at once. Fry them for two or three minutes,

sauce, stir briefly to coat the leaves and serve immediately. This one is especially good with

labels) stands up best to the high temperatures generally used for stir-frying. Corn oil is also suitable, but olive oil and animal fats have too low a smoking point for this method than their pallid appearance suggests, and they are cheap. Add a few more interestingly flavoured crisp vegetables like celery and red peppers and you have a kind of hot, crunchy

Stir-fried winter salad

Serves two 225g (80z) beansprouts 2 sticks celery small red or green pepper small leek or 4 spring onions

clove garlic. tablespoons peamit oil teaspoon sugar teaspoon salt

teaspoon vinegar

together. Heat the pan until it is very hot and add the oil which should look shimmery at once.

Before it starts to smoke add the chepped garlic and stir it briefly before tipping in all the vegetables. Fry them for three to four minutes, lifting and turning constantly to prevent them sticking or burning. Sprinkle the mixture with the sugar, salt and vinegar, mix well and serve immediately.

Even root regetables can be stir-fried. Try a mixture of carrots, turnips and parsnips cut into matchstick strips and flavoured with a little fresh orange juice or the more usual soy or tamari sauce. Stir fry them for about four minutes. If this leaves them still a little too crisp for your taste, lower the heat, cover the pan and

Finely shredded hard cabbage goes well with thinly sliced rings of leek. A little finely chopped fresh green ginger or a few caraway seeds give this combination an unexpected and delicious tang. Stir-fry the cabbage and leeks for three to four minutes adding a tablespoon or two of stock or dry sherry at the last moment.

Stir-fried mushrooms are particularly good. Cut them in T-shaped slices and stir-fry them with garlic for only a minute or two. Soy or tamari sauce is almost a must for mushrooms.

Expansion of China air links sought in Peking claimed that this gave British

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, Jan 21 British, Chinese and Hongalrines two operational services between China and London compared, with China's, single kong representatives will meet in Peking next week to dis-cuss the expansion of air serservice between Peking and London. British Airways

cuss the expansion of air servities between Hongkong and
China.

China wants to operate extra
flights from Canton, Hangzhou
and Peking.

China is now issuing plastic credit cards—called "prosperity cards" in Chinese—in Rong-Britain and Hongkong are Britain and Hongkong are kong through the state-owned seeking the resumption of Nanyang Commercial Bank to Cathay Pacific's weekly chare encourage the increasing flow-tested flights to and frees of visitors from and through Ganghai, which were vetoed by Hongkong and Macao. Card-being when Gathay Pacific holders will be able to get cash inaugurated its regular flights advances of up to \$1,000 (about between Hongkong and London. 5410) in Chinese currency in The Chinese surprisingly five Chinese cities.

Demonstrators shot dead

by Indian police Delhi, Jan 21.—At least five people were killed when police fired on workers-demonstrating at Bangalore and Chintamani in Karnataka, South India, today, Earlier, police used batons and tear gas to disperse the crowds. According to reports, six policemen were injured in stone-throwing incidents. Bangalore and other towns have been hit by a stoppage called in support of 70,000 workers in five public undertakings who have been on

demanding wage parity.

Japanese team on Everest delayed by mist

kong through the state-owned

Katmandu, Jan 21.-Members of the Japanese winter Everest expedition reached Camp Two

The British winter Everest

expedition set up camp at 22,872ft on January 15. The British were climbing the west ridge, and the Japanese the traditional south-east ridge. The four Japanese, led by Naomi Uemura, aged 39; had been scheduled to reach 23,958ft -Camp Three—today, but thick mist forced them to remain in for about a month Camp Two, Agence France

in Hongkong From Our Correspondent Hongkong, Jan 21

Twelve British politicians-

Philippines flood toll Manila, Jan 21.—The death toll in the worst floods to hit the southern Philippines for two decades has reached 103.

five Conservative and five Labour MP's and two peers will arrive in Hongkong tomorrow to investigate the operations and living conditions of the Army. Navy and Air Force garrison in Hongkong.

Organized by the Ministry of Defence, it will be the largest political mission to visit Hongkong in recent years. Most are members of the Hongkong, all-party group at Westminster.

The Conservatives are: Mr Antony Buck (Colchester), Mr Iolian Critchley (Aldershor), Mr. Victor. Goodhew (St Albans), Mr Neil Thorne (Redbridge, Ilford South) and Mr David Trippier (Rossendale). The Labour members are: Dr David Clark (South Shields), Mr Clive Soley (Hammersmith, North), Mr James Hamilton (Bothwell); Mr Neville Sandelson (Hillingdon, Hayes and Hortington), and Mr Peter Snape (West Bromwich, East). The two peers are Lord Wallace of Coslany and Lord will arrive in Hongkong tomor-The two peers are Lord Wallace of Coslany and Lord Fortescue, Their report will help to influence British

Government policy og garrison strength and expenditure here.

MPs to report on garrison

The flooding began in mid-

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PARLIAMENT, January 21, 1981______ Regrottal Regrettable setback to getting ceasefire in Namibia

House of Common;
The Government was deeply disappointed by the failure to achieve agreement on a date for a cease-fire in March leading to independence for Namibia by the end of 1981. Mr Richard Luce, Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Shoreham, C)
said in a statement on the outcome of last week's conference in of last week's conference in Geneva. It proved impossible at the last week's conference in

Geneva meeting (he said) to reach agreement in view of the state-ment of the delegation led by the South African Administrator General that it was "premature" to agree on an implementation

date.
This is an especially regrettable setback after the great efforts of the United Nations, the Western Five and the Iront line states to meet the reasonable concerns of South Africa and the internal parties. We support the chairman's

closing appeal to those concerned to reconsider their position. The Five will review the position with

Mr Cyril Townsend (Bexley, Bexleyheath, C): Many MPs on both sides of the House are grateful to Mr Luce and his officials for their sterling efforts in attempting to achieve a satisfactory conclusion at Geneva.

The resulting failure has encouraged the Soviet Union to continue to support Cuban forces in Angola.

The resulting failure has encouraged the Soviet Union to continue to support Cuban forces in Angola.

Mr Luce: Any fallure to reach an agreement is a setback for the people of Namibia, for all the surrounding states, including South Africa, and for the West.

The only people who stand to gain from discontent and violence are the Soviet Union and herestalling satellites.

Mr Frank Dobson (Camden, Hol-born and St Pancras, South, Lab); has made its position perfectly free and fair,

What pressure is the Government trying to bring to bear on the South African Government, bearing in mind this Government's United Nation's sponsored elections until the impartiality of the United Nations had been established over a prolonged period. To sheed over a prolonged period. To suggest anything else would be, to say the least, misleading. south African Government, bearing in mind this Government's generally soft approach to South Africa epitomized by Mrs Thatcher's statement that it was her desire to bring South Africa in out of the cold?

Mr Julian Amery (Brighton, Pavilion, C1: While there is dis-appointment at the failure to reach appointment at the failure to reach agreement, there would have been a great deal more among many of us if there had been an agreement which would have led to a Swapo government taking over Namibla.

African government about whether or not the Unived Nations would fair elections. One of the main objectives of the conference last week was to see whether there could be common ground with a view to reassuring those parties that the Unived Nations would be genuinely free and fair.

Julian

ways to achieve stability is free and fair elections.

It is not for us, it is for the people of Namibla, to choose who should be their government. That is the best way to lead to stability in that part of the world.

There has been genuice entrety on the part of the internal parties and on the part of the South African government about whether are not the thought Maintain south.

Mr Luce: I am quite sure we share his objective, to see stability in Southern Africa. The Government believes that one of the best ways to achieve stability is free

Mr Urquhart put forward a series of proposals which he luped would be seriously considered and reflected upon as height a gesture in that direction. Air Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Leeds, East, Lab): We support the bipartisan policy on Namibia. The responsibility for this tragic breakdown rosts unequivocally with down rests unequivocally with the government of South Africa which clearly went to Geneva in bad faith intending to wreck the

The Swapo organization showed more flevibility and moderation in seeking to relieve the United Mations of its responsibility for respirating Swapo as the only representative of the people of Manufalt.

When Mrs Thatcher and Lord Carrington go to see President Reagan, could the minister assure the House that they will make clear to President Reagan that the credibility of the West in Africa is now at stake? now at stake? negoriated settlement in southern Africa.

Mr Luce: Looking back over the last week—and I was able to attend the last three days—it was the Administrator General who said it would be premature to reach agreement at that stage and therefore it was decided not to go chead. go ahead.

Looking back over several years of negonation, it has required compromise on all sides by all the parties. It would not be right to cast the blame on one party solely.

On the American position, would be only sensible that the new administration must have time to consider the situation in southern Africa. The new Secretary of State in his evidence to the Senate said he wanted a negociated settlement and stability in courtern Africa.

Arms sales to Iran remain subject to licensing procedures

Sanctions against Iran would be iffed immediately as they were imposed in the context of the American hostages, but the British Government attached the greatest under the Iron Curtain. importance to the release of the four British deminees. Sir Ian Go-mour, the Lord Privy Seal, said during question time. The Government hoped their release would take place soon.

Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, (Leeds East, Lab) had said: Now that the hostages have been released, the Gov-ernment should use its influence inside the EEC to ensure no Community country supplies arms to the present combatants in Iraq and Iran until there is a lasting peace Sir lan Gilmour: I cannot speak for

the EEC countries, but I can for ourselves. There have been no sales since November 1979 and all sales will remain subject to customary licensing procedures.

Future applications will be considered in light of all the relevant circumstances, including the situation in the area which relates to war and our relations with Iran. Mr Eldon Griffiths (Bury St Edmunds, C): He should discuss the need for the return of British citizens who are filegally held in Iran before trade can be resumed. It is much in the common in-

Sir lan Gilmour: I agree with his

last words. Sanctions were im-posed in the context of the Ameriposed in the context of the Ambrican hostages and will be lifted immediately. The Government attaches the greatest possible importance to the release of the four British people who are derained. We hope that will take place soun.

Mr Peter Fraser (South Angus, C): Even if sanctions agreed last year by this House and our European partners have to be lifted. Britain and other countries should have the greatest regard to not export-ing military hardware to Iran un-less and muni we get our prisoners

Sir Ian Gilmour: I do not honestly think that is something particularly relevant to the release of the detainees. (Protests.) There is a clear distinction between the posi-tion of our detainees and that of the hostages.

What is similar ly that neither should have been derained in the first place. Apart from that, the Americans have been engaged in long bargaining with the Iranian and order to get back the hostages. It is much in the common interests of Europe and the West as the bargaining, but that they should be released forthwith.

Labour demand for the truth on North Sea oil revenues

sea oil were substantially lower than the projections of independent forecasters, Mr Merlyn Rees, chief Opposition spokesman on energy, said in a debate on future.

people could gather their own evidence in put before it, the emotion would be pure emotion and would not be translated into the use of nuclear power in the use of nuclear power in the energy.

The oil revenues coming into the Exchequer accounts gave the United Kingdom more economic hope than snything clse. What was the truth on the oil revenues? What was the truth about the output of oil? At some time the Government

should have justification on the figures on which the Treasury did their political stribmetic. After the report to The Financial Times that the Department of Energy was reassessing reserves the House should know who was doing this and whether the British National Oil Corporation would play a part.

The figures on which the revenue was based were of the greatest importance. It had been argued that the figures were being deliberately underestimated so that they could be updated at a suitable political date. He was only concerned to know the basis on which they were done. Mr Rees (Leeds, South, Lab) was moving an Opposition motion deploring the Government's lack of overall energy policy, condemning the pricing policy which handicapped competitiveness of British industry and rejecting a policy for coal which would lead to a reduction in the output proposed.

tion in the output projected in The Plan for Coal. He said the House did not give enough consistent and overall attention to energy. There should be an annual energy statement leading to debate and discussion, bringing in the Select Committee on Energy.

He had been considering the demise of the Energy Commission. Whatever form it took, whatever name it was given, there was room for a forum in which those involved in the industry could discuss Government policy and help toward its formulation. In this thirst contemps did. In this subject government did not know

He had no wish to set up a bureaucratic organization but dis-cussion was vital. In such an un-certain field, where things which looked right in the short term often turned out to be wrong in the medium and long term, they had to get it as right as possible but also be flexible so that they could make changes to what had

There should be reports to the House on the quarterly meetings of the International Energy Agency in the same way that meetings of the EEC were reported on.
On anclear power, it was not clear what progress had been made towards section up a public inquiry into the pressurized water reactor. what form would it take? When would it start? Great emotions were engendered by this subject. Until there was an inquiry, its terms of reference known, and

To repeal the Treaty of Rome would be totally contrary to this country's national interests and

doing so, Sir Ian Gilmour, Lord Privy Seal, said during questions

Mr Authory Mariow (Northampton, North, C) asked: Since the British housewife is forced to pay

British housewife is forced to pay f1,500m each year over and above the cost of supporting our own agriculture, and since according to The Times New Zealand could increase agricultural production at prices half that ruling under the CAP, will the Government take whatever measures are necessary to ensure that Britain could go over to a swsrem under, which we

over to a system under, which we

could get food at prices which are advantageous to the poor and the elderly? (Labour-cheers.)

Sir Ian Gilmour (Chesham and

Marlow's figures. He is asking us

to leave the Community. It is much better to say so rather than put forward a demand which could not

Mr Denzil Davies, an Opposition

spokesman on foreign and Com-monwealth affairs (Llanelli, Lab): Should we not reconsider the

conceivably be granted.

ut the EEC.

To quit EEC would

In recent years, as the CBI had said, there had been mounting concern about the rate of increase of United Kingdom energy prices and even greater concern that chergy prices were higher than those enjoyed by Britain's major international competitors. High energy costs could seriously threaten the viability of certain sectors of industry.

There were major problems for the paper and board industry, chemicals, and steel arising out of the high price of energy. Would the Government look again at the financial targets for the fuel and power industries and take steps to alleviate the burden?

to alleviate the burden?

Britain must look to the future of the coal industry. But unless there was a base on which the industry could move to the future, the worries, concerns, and niggles that had been put forward recently would vitiate what needed to be done.

What was the Government's view now on The Plan for Coal? Colliers did not object to pits shutting because their life span had ended, but they wanted new pits opened and existing pits expanded.

He was against the importation

He was against the importation of coal. Legislation was not needed to stop imports. The Prime Minister had stated that the output of coal by Western countries was going to be doubled. The Chapter was read to know The Opposition wanted to know whether the Government said one thing internationally but acted in a different way nationally. The Government should help with coal stocks and with invest-

ment for conversion to coal. It should recall the tripardte meetings and do for the coal industry in this country what the West German Government did for its coal industry. West Germany was held up as the economic schoolmaster of Europe. Let Britain follow it and carry out the policy West Ger-many had. It would be better for

gravest and greatest importance in 20 years. The Secretary of State said on January 4 that areas of former prosperity would be by-passed with heavy social conse-quences. He hoped that the Secretary of State's feelings about some areas which were going to be by-passed would not rule when the decisions were taken in the department.

It is (he said) one thing to say
it in Guildford or East Surrey.
It looks different in other parts
of the country. We should know

what the Secretary of State has The Opposition wanted the coal industry to be a positive, forward-looking industry with investment which would bring results.

Betrayal to cocoon Britain against the reality of high-priced energy-minister

Ar David Howell, Secretary of agreed to his requests in the state for Energy, (Goildford, C) autumn, that new customers who are recognises the realism of about equivalent to gas oil would be freezonsible. It was about energy policy be charged at about the renewal and welcomes the renewed vigor price for the second and third price for the second and third years of their initial contract.

More recognite the back laws tags prices like the French, Eur nor only had French price resen 70 per cent in the last laws tags the remain the last recognite the had a heal the corr four many French firms were Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Energy, (Guildford, C) moved an amendment: "That this House recognises the realism of the Government's energy policy and welcomes the renewed vigor with which the nation's energy resources are being developed."

He said energy policy had to be looked at within the turbulent scene which since 1972 had seen the price of crude oil increase by 1,800 per cent. It had nearly tripled since early 1979.

The magnitudes of the price

The magnitudes of the price cartiquake against which they were operating were rolling through every western economy. Despite North Sea oil there was no escape for Britain from the price upheavals and the collosal changes in cost. changes in cost.

The greatest danger facing the Western economices was the pos-sibility there might be a further oil explosion in the years shead. Industry's complaint had been that the apparent outcome of pursuing economic pricing had been to put Britain at a disadvantage with her competitors, particularly continental competitors. If this was so it would obviously be serious.

when this proposition was first expressed—that Britain generally was at a disadvantage on energy prices—his department did not accept it. The subsequent debate and audiyses that took place colminated in a study by Neddy. This accepted the conclusion that British industry generally did not suffer a disadvaptage, but that large bulk users in energy intensive industries could be at a sive industries could be at a disadvantage. Chemicals, steel, foundries and paper and board were mentioned. The Government had recognized

this in a succession of measures. There seemed to be general agreement that there was no case for general intervention to hold down energy prices. General intervention would be wrong. The industries concerned

wrong. The industries concerned were energy intensive and, in particular, difficulties were in some cases facing structural problems that went far deeper than anything that could be solved by changes in energy prices.

The problems of these industries also included the threat of unfair trade. The obvious examples were chemicals and textiles where there was no doubt that Britain, along with the whole of the European with the whole of the European industry, was being severely threatened by artificially low United States oil and gas prices. He and the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr John Biffen) would continue to take vigorous action both at Community and bilateral level on this matter.

It might be that with the new American administration there could be hope for faster deregulation of oil and gas prices.

There had been suggestion that to help industry, costs should be substantially further loaded on to domestic consumers, industrialists had been pressing him hard for a faster still rist in domestic prices. a 10 per cent increase in domestic gas prices in real terms over a three-year-period starting last year. Although domestic prices were half the French and German prices, it would not be right to allow them to increase even faster. Throughout the 1970s, Britain dithered on nuclear power when by the end of 1985 France would get 44 per cent of its power from nuclear generation and West Germany, 25 per cent, There was no way in which with fossil fuels, coal or oil, they could compete with the cost structures these other countries were now being able to build up. a 10 per cent increase in domestic

ave industries.

He had further discussed with the electricity industry the possibility of cost savings through load management, and this was being industries on the cost of management, and this was being looked at actively.

The NEDO task force had started from the point that generally British industry did not suffer but that larger bulk users, in particular in the energy intensive industries, might be doing so. This was a view the department had taken over the months.

As all sides were represented on the task force, it would provide a unique opportunity to reach agreement on the facts and the Government would consider the facts established by them carefully.

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of line.

In fact the latest available statistics showed that in early Jaduary United Kingdom oil prices to industry, including tax, were somewhat lower than those to continental industry.

Since then United Kingdom prices had gone up but crude cost increases were also working their way through onto continental

assume that the United Kingdom's assume that the United Kingdom's favourable position would necessarily be altered again.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Geoffrey Howe), had heard the strong views of industry arguing the case for a reduction in heavy fuel oil duty to bring it more into line with the similar duties being charged by compining the strong the strong that the similar duties being charged by compining the strong that the stron

duties being charged by contin-ental competitors.

There must be greater efficiency in the nationalized industries. One of the key weapons was the system of cash limits. It was not correct that the effect of the external financial limits was to push up prices. These were not a device for forcing up prices or taxing the The Government could do every-

thing possible to encourage invest-ment in new energy resources. The gas gathering pipeline project was going abead and was on schedule, it could sustain heavy investment in coal and nuclear ment in energy conservation.

Morale in the coal industry was
high and not low as the Opposition suggested. His confidence was complete that as a successful and profitable industry they would overcome their present problems and achieve financial viability. As to its view on The Plan for Cod, the Government had provided a financial strategy and Coal, the Government had provided a financial strategy and framework. It had given a framework for it to be maintained; it was for the coal board to see how

could be done. North Sea oil revenues were being ploughed back through in-dustrial and regional assistance and Government funding, through research support, through reduced downward pressure on government borrowing and through substantial tax reliefs to industry. Contrary to the argument that the Government had no policy. it was ending the shambles of subsidy ther countries were now being and control. He rejected the prop-ostion that they should be like the The British Gas Corporation had United States in the '70s and run

agreed to his requests in the autumn, that new customers who in their first year paid a price about equivalent to gas oil would be charged at about the renewal price for the second and third years of their initial contract.

More recently, he had asked the corporation to consider what formather assistance they could give large bulk users in energy listensive industries.

He had further discussed with a mineral subciduzed oil price. They would be kircepousible, it was carterion, but would be kircepousible. It was carterion, but would be kircepousible, it was carterion for the United States.

People asked why they could not have lawer gas prices like the prices used to have lawer gas prices in the last year, but many French firms were subject to gas interruptions last spring and summer. Cheap gas was not said if there was no gas.

The Government

they could get details from industry.

The Government would stick to
its policy, it was already providing
the foundation for an economic
recovery that would be strong and
sustained rather than feeble and
short-lived. It was that recovery
which would give increasing
resources to help the hardest hit.
It would be an uter betraval the It would be an utter betrayal (he said) to try now to cocood our country against the reality of high-priced energy generally only to have these realities hit us with typhonn ferocity later on. Conversely there is everything to be gained for the British economy if we let it adapt now to the stormy and dangerous conditions about

If we have the determination and steadiness now to let that process on forward then in the years helper us, there will be very lew parional economies stronger than the British, (Conservative cheers.) Mr. Lawrence Cunifile (Leigh, Lab) said that now that the coal industry had met all that the Government had isked and filled the gap in British energy shor-lages, there was a case for selec-

rive help and intervention.

Many industrialists would convert back to solid fuel and coal tomorrow if given some belp. Mr Trevor Skeet (Bedford, C) said the French or Germans had more than Britain had attempted

cliffe, Lab) said there was a deep concern that the Government had

Mr Frank White (Bury and Rad-

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, C) said Mr Howell gave the impres-sion sometimes of being a staff officer who did not give the great-est weight to the opinions of his field officers fighting the battle on the front.

There should be an urgent inquiry into the cost of energy to British industry and whether it had not been seriously disadvantaged

The present price structure of energy to industry was to say the least out of line with the rest of the world. British industry was paying through the nose for its energy and much more than its industrial competitors across the Channel. The result was that Britain was losing business fast. When businessmen found that a major element in their costs, an element dependent on government

pared with other parts of the EEC it stuck in their gullets. Why should Britain of all European countries self-sufficient in oil, coal and gas find itself priced out of the market? This was not the result of free market forces. It was the result of government intervention. Mr Peter Hardy (Rother Valley, Lab) said it was foolish for the Government to allow more than eight million tonies of coal to be imported in 1981 when pits with

Air Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest, C) said if European countries like France and Germany wanted to share in North Sea oil, they should take British coal to burn in their power stations.

Mr David Penhaligon (Truro, L) said that 10 to 20 per cent of energy could be saved by a massive energy conservation programme.

Mr Edwin Wainwright (Dearne Mr Edwin Wainwright (Dearne Valley, Lab) said the Government should have second and third thoughts before it allowed the coal

Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith (East Grinstead, C) said general subsi-dies for energy were bad for effi-ciency, conservation and innova-

Mr Timothy Rinton (Mid Sussex, C) said a start should be made to involving private capital and employees in the ownership of the equity of British Gas and the British National Oil Corporation. An ideal split would be 40 per cent to the state, 10 per cent to employees and 50 per cent to the private

hir Alexander Eadle, an Opposition spokesman on energy (Midlothian, Lab), said if the Government was running into difficulty over nu-clear power, it was of their own making. It had chosen the pres-surized water reactor despite the Three Mile island incident which had damaged the image of this

Mir Norman Lamont, Under Secre tary for Energy (Kingston upon Thames, C), said that the Govern-

Thames, C), sain that the covery-ment believed in a strong coal industry, that it had a bright future, and that it was capable of taking advantage of the opportuni-

Arguments from some Labour MPs made him wonder if they were aware of the world outside Britain aware of the world buside Britain and whether news had reached them of the revolution in Iran and the war between Iran and Iraq. While that war continued vital supplies of oil would be inter-rupted and the wrold faced the possibility of another price explo-sion. Even after the world returned to calm supplies would still be used up faster that new supplies were being discovered. In those circum-stances there could not be low energy prices.

The Opposition motion was rejected by 309 votes to 255—Government majority, 54 and the Government amendment was agreed

Madrid conference to consider new

board to close pits against the wishes of the NUM.

and 50 per cent to the private

had damaged the image of this source of energy.

He predicted that Government policy on this would founder because of the technology it had chosen instead of backing the British ACR.

If the Government pursued its

policies and there were wholesale ference in two years' time, will the nit closures with 27,000 jobs at Government seek a united response stake, it would be an act of betrayal. The miners and t he people would all be betrayed.

ites open to it.
It hoped that as much as possible of manufacturing industry would switch from oil to coal, The inquiry into pressurised water reactors was expected to be held in 1982 and it was hoped that construction of PWRs would be able to start in 1983.

plans at next meeting conference held to review the Hel-sinkl agreement, while not acri-monious, had not been construc-tive, Mr Peter Blaker, Mimster of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, said during ques-Mr Sydney Chapman (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C) had asked for a statement on the Madrid con-

ierence. Mr Blaker (Blackroo), South, C):

During the first part of the bladrid meeting there was a thorough and frank review of the implemen-tations of the Helsinki Final Act by all signatory states. Among the issues to which particular attention was paid were the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the repression of monitoring groups in the USSR and the determinant of the control of the sound that the determinant of the sound the sound

rizhts. The Madrid meeting reconvenes on Jamuary 27 to discuss new proposals for improving the implementation of the Final Act, and to

draft a Final Document.

Mr Chapman: Would be confirm that the sanior United Kingdom representative at the conference was quoted after the six week ses-sion as saying that with the greatest regret not the alightest step forward had been taken. If the USSR refuses to abide by the Helsinic declaration, which I understand includes a commitment to convene a further review confrom Western countries including the EEC which will not necessarily exclude using certain trade and

Mr Blaker: We are already using certain trade and economic measures vis-à-vis the Soviet Union in the context of its invasion of in the context of its invasion of Alghanistan. He is more or less correctly

quoting Mr Wilberforce who was leading the British delegation. It is true that the Russian antitude, although it has not been acri-monious, has not been very con-structive about the prospects of the agreement more fulfilling effectively.

We have put forward new proposals which will be discussed on the resumption of the conference on January 27 and we hope the Rus-sians will show a more constructive

Mr David Atkinson (Bournmouth, East, C): Will he pursue agreement within the Helsinki process for preventing the abuse of pyschiatry for political purposes?

atrirude then.

which we have put foward with our friends are proposals on the better observation of human rights: I have no doubt the question of abuse of psychiatry will come up. Mr Frank Hooley (Sheffield, Heo-ley, Lab): Now that the British Government has renewed negotia-tions with the Soviet Government for extended trade credits, does this mean the process of detente under the CSCE will be continued and, if so will the Government and, if so, will the Government take seriously the proposals tabled by France and the Soviet Union for a European disarmament conference?

Mr Blaker: I am not sure that we have proposed that credits in favour of the Soviet Union from the Government should be renewed. We discontinued them when the previous Government's agreement expired.

We have taken the view that the Soviet invasion of Afghanistian delivered a very serious blow to If the Soviet Upion continues to If the Soviet Union communes to behave in that way detente is not going to survive. The proposals by France and the Soviet Union for a conference on disarmament are

conference on disarmament are different proposals.

We have supported the French proposal which envisages the improvement of confidence building measures over the whole of Europe. We will examine the Soviet proposals but they seem to us to involve a declaratory statement rather than practical steps. Sir Bernard Braine (South-East Essex, C): Why are these discus-sions taking place at all when so many brave souls are being perse-cuted and are in prison for accusing their governments of not observing both the letter and the spirit of the Helsinki, accord? What protests are we making in What protests are we making Madrid about the treatment such people who committed but are witnesses to the

Mr Blaker: The Government believes the Helsinki process is useful in the interests of the West. since that time shows some confirmation of that fact.

It is true terrible abuses, of human rights continue but the continuation of the Helsinki process gives an opportunity to draw focus to those abuses in a public manner.

We have been doing that and we We have been doing that and we have received many letters of congratulation on the stand that the British Government has taken.

Britain's joy and relief

The American people would be informed of the joy and relief of the House and the British people that the American hostages had arrived safe and sound in the West after their terrible ordeal, Mr North America.

We shall commune to draw arten-tion when the conference resumes.

Government urged to support BR

The investment figure for British Rail would not enable them to naintain even their present level of activity.

told they had got to have larger ones. She would like to see more freight taken on the railways and less on the roads. The Government could count on the support of the public if it invested more money in the railways, It was an investment that was going to pay.

bulk transport from land to water. Britain's system of waterways had great potential but at present was

that in essence the Government's policy was that transport should be the free choice of the user and should be self-paying. There was no denying that the individual would not forgo the personal con-venience of personal transport. Lord Underhill (Lab), for the

they were paying second class fares for third class travel conditions. If however justified it might have been 100 years ago. Lord Greenbill of Harrow (Ind) said a bigger programme of long-term investment in British Rail was

needed. The expanded programme should be coordinated with private industry so that domestic and export requirements could be simultaneously met. Strong gov-erament indicative, intervention

Viscount Mountgarret (C) Said money for investment should go to renewal of canals. Britain's inland waterways could be made just as attractive as those in France.

a substantial annual sum. Lord Gainford (C) said he agreed with the British Railways slogan "This is the age of the train". Given the choice he would always choose rail travel. He was in favour of any policy to increase Lord Teviot (C) said there was need for a review of transport policy. He hoped Viscount Sid-mouth's inflative would lead to positive and on-going action. A

national transport policy was needed based on practical realities

ail electrification.

Public transport was not just Lord Bellwin, Under Secretary for

Rail's passenger network would for the forseeable future remain responded positively by producing ideas for low cost renewal and operation of services. The answer to the railways' problems did not

stabilize investment levels on road and rail. Total public investment is inland transport in 1980-81 would be £1,300m.

At a time when public spending is under severe constraints (he said) I cannot hold out any realis-

the rail board's investment ceiling in real terms at the same level as that set by the previous govern-ment. In recent weeks this matter had often been misrepresented in board's needs,

more than £100m a year on motor-way and trunk road maintenance. This amount was likely to increase. The Government was aware of the efformity of the nightmare road accident situation. The debate was concluded. House adjourned, 7.26 pm.

House of Commons Today at 2.30. Debate on Welsh affairs, House of Lords

Today at 5 Town and Country Plan
ing (Minerals), Bill, second reading
Debate on European Communitie
Committee report on social funds

No over-the-counter spectacle sales

The Government was criticized for its view that people should not be able to buy glasses without an eye examination when Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, a Lord in Waiting, answered questions about spectacle prices.

The Government to seek formal approval early in March.

The Government considers that to allow the sale of reading glasses by unqualified persons without an eye examination would not be in the best interests of patients.

He said that although the Gen-He said that although the General Optical Council, the optical profession's ruling body, decided in November to allow opticians to display prices in windows, revised regulations to bring the proposed amendments into force could not be laid before Parliament until believe of council and begon that here Privy Council approval had been

The General Optical Council (he

the best interests of patients.

Lord Ort-Ewing (C): That will be a great disappointment to a million people who buy simple reading glasses and pay an average of £40 or more a pair whereas in America and other advanced countries the price is £5 or less. This Government was elected to encourage competition.

Lord Cullen of Ashbourne: The Government stands by its view that

Lord Northfield (Lab): Savings would be made for the NHS if people with simple failing eyesight like me could buy glasses off the peg. What would happen if reputable companies put on sale over the counter glasses from Hongkong? Would the Government prosecute them?

Lord Cullen of Ashbonrne: All though we are in favour of further competition we have also to take into account the views of the medi-

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absurd arrangement whereby agri-cultural prices are fixed in green currencies and not in real money? When is the Government going to revalue the green pound? Sir Ian Gilmour: Mr Davies miks about an absurd system but he did nothing to change it all the time he was at the Treasury.
The green pound under the Labour Government went down to 45 per cent less than its value, with

areat damage to our farmers.

At the moment the positive monetary compensation amounts which we have add 2,25 per cent to the food index and less than 0.5 per cent to the retail price index. Mr Stephen Dorrell (Loughrough, C): This country had a large surplus with Europe last year. Whatever negotiations the Lord Privy Seal undertnikes to reform the shortcomings of the Community, he should not endanger the substantial benefits this country gains from membership of

Sir lan Gilmour : I entirely agree. It is also the case that performance in manufacturing has not been good all over the world, but it has been better in trade with the EEC than with the rest of the world.

affect jobs badly Mr John Dormand (Easington, Lab): When the Lord Privy Sea meets his counterparts in Europe. will be impress on them the disen with the political control imposed upon us by the Treaty of Rome?
Will he begin a move towards a fundamental change in the Treaty of Rome in order that we can have a much looser federation with Europe ? Sir Ian Cilmour: We have not got

> with Europe and we are not aiming to get a federation. The EEC is a collection of nation states. We have accepted no greater controls than either France or Germany and nobody could say that they behave as if they have lost control of their national destinies. Of course they have not, neither

inhibited or stopped by proposals in the Treaty of Rome?

Market. Sir Ian Gilmour: No, because har monization is not an erosion of sovereignty. In some cases, it is sensible and in other cases it is

have a catastrophic effect on jobs. Mr Denzil Davies said a Common Market of 12 members, including Spain, Greece, and Portugal, would be very different in character from the original Common Market of Should we not (he added) repeal the Treaty of Rome and replace it with a much looser

economic arrangement?

It would be an enormous under-

federation, either tight or loose

Mr Robert Cryer (Keighley, Lab) said that harmonization was a subtle erosion of the powers of any United Kingdom Government.

If any future Government (he went on) seriously wanted to take measures to reduce the level of unemployment, would it not be

The only answer is to follow Labour's policy and get out of the

Governments are not inhibited by the EEC in taking steps to improve unemployment. If we were to leave the EEC this would

Sir Ian Gilmour: No, I do not think so. 1 accept that a Community of 12 is certain to be different from a Community of six. But to suggest that we should now repeal the Treaty of Rome is a frivolous sugraking and totally contrary to this country's national interests and those of the Community and we

It was high time that decisions were taken about the transport pattern for the end of the century and beyond, Viscount Sidmouth
(Ind) said when opening a debate on the need for a transport policy with particular reference to long-term investment. On the passenger side there was

a need to relieve the ever-increas-ing dependence on the motor car. On the freight side it was possible to identify several loads at present carried by road which were suitable for rail transport. Perhaps the most outstanding was the long haul traffic between this country

Lady Elliot of Harwood (C) said she always feared vast motor vehi-cles on the roads and they were

The Countess of Loudoun (Ind) said she would like to see more schemes for transferring heavy under-used. Lord Lucas of Chilworth (C) said

Opposition, said Britain needed further development of the high speed train and advanced passenger train and the experiment of rail electrification. an investment programme was not implemented now they would eventually be paying just class fares for fourth class conditions. Lord Inglewood (C) said the total cost of railway policing should be shared equally by central govern-ment, just as county police forces were funded. This would relieve British Rail of an unfair charge,

ernment initiative, interve and subsidy would be needed Drunk driving involving an accident should bring a long jall sentence. That would teach people not

There should be a sliding scale of motor taxation according to the

size of the vehicle. Drivers visiting cities regularly should have to pay

lie in ever-increasing subsidy.

The need for long-term investment and especially for consistency in investment levels was particularly important to those industrie which supplied nationalized indus-The Government had sought to

tic prospects of an increase in that The Government had maintained

some of the media. This ceiling was adequate at present to meet The review of the case for a main line electrification pro-gramme was complete and the final report would be published soon.
The Government was spending

Parliamentary notices

London burning from Hollar's England, by Graham Parry (Michael Russell, £15). Wenceslaus put the impression at the top of his map of 1667 to help plan the reconstruction.

The History Man

On History By Fernand Braudel

Translated by Sarah Matthews (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £10.95)

Fernand Braudel is one of the greatest historians alive, and if I could preserve only one piece of publishing, or indeed An awareness of momentous times is implicit throughout, would probably be The Mediterranean and the Mediterranean World in the Age of cried in his inaugural lecture Thilip II (now a Fontana to the Collège de France in fistorians then emerging the paperback, two volumes, £3.50 in the collège de France in fistorians then emerging the collège de France in fistorians the long night of the distance, between Franch in fistorians the long night of the distance, between Franch in fistorians the long night of the distance, between Franch in fistorians the long night of the distance, between Franch in fistorians the long night of the distance, between Franch in fistoria in fistoria in from the long night of the distance, between Franch in fistoria in fistor resources and world-view avail- mentielle and the shock of able to, and shared by, the spectacular change—what most heroes of both statemanship people, indeed, still understand

and art. On History is a collection of On History is a collection of ceeding at three principal articles and book reviews speeds: the event, or short written for French learned span; the conjuncture, or journals, chiefly the celebrated meeting of elements over many Annales, between 1944 and years; and the longue dures, 1963—throughout the period, human society and behaviour that is to say, when Braudel which change at the speed of was working on the first ('49) centauries and millenia or and second ('66) editions of hardly seem to change at all. It is Braudel's simultaneous, first gathered in book form in and almost musical, mastery of all three, and of the infinite 1969, but even as Ecrits sur 1969, but even as Ecrits sur variations within them, that Thistoire they must have makes The Mediterranean looked a trifle opportunist, not breathe like a work of art perto say belated, since the petually in progress. fellow-professionals to whom they are chiefly addressed would have read them anyway, and most of the ideas they advance had been subsequently staked out by philosophers and realized and transmuted in La sociologists (Marx among mediterrance. In English, them) but it was Braudel and years later. via the University of Chicago,

That it is somewhat repetitive cannot be denied, since the bulk comprises articles fighting the same campaign for the unification of the human

and with no kind of historical

first sight both repetitive and

different academic communities: of course arguments and examples recur. The shapeless examples recur. The snapeless ness, however, is entirely deceptive: the book's profile is sharp, informed both by the consistent passion and content of the campaign itself, and by the moment in French, European and world history when it was most crucially advanced.

"history"—Braudel proposes a vision of history pro-

Fernand Braudel did not, of course, invent or even discover the longue durée, since this tentiory of recurrence and rimelessness had long been his great predecessors of the Annales school of historiography-Marc Bloch and Lucien ebvre-who saw that it was an or editorial perspective to idea too vast to be handled by bein. On History seems at philosophy and sociology alone, still less by the even newer disciplines of geography, anthropology, demography, economics and statistics. To them he proposes not rivalry but collaboration, not surrender but alliance. It is a far more effective answer to reductive new tyrannies than the whimsical sciences before a number of inversions of Blake or the

glass of sherty offered by Annie Callender and Professor Marvin to the barbarian Howard Kirk in *The History Man. Annales*, founded in 1929, is part of history's long fight

Much of its work, in turn, became both arrogant and dusty—even Annalesists are only human—but Braudel is different. The arguments in On History are distinguished by a generosity and open-mindedness which makes even Toynbee look parochial and the German historians then emerging from the long night of the late, and typical of Braudel that he calmly sat down to review it. The long durés takes no account of publication dates.)

His supreme scholarly virtue, however, is the constructive humility which forbids him ever to believe a line of inquiry is exhausted, that he can ever give up or sit back.
Compared to him, even
Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie, his
younger and pest-known colleague in England (Montaillou, Carnival) is a master- puppeteer who rings down the curtain and closes the show.

Savour The Mediterraneon. The essays collected in On His-tory condirm that it is a masterpiece of French liberal humanism revitalized by the new technology of twentieth century scholarship just before the computer received the freedom of the archives. Written forwards the fall of Vichrence forwards the fall of Vichrence forwards. ten between the fall of Vichy and the loss of Algeria, they further reveal how positively nadir of French confidence and remained quite unshadowed by the high noon of the glaring Existentialist sun. Nearly 20 years have passed. Vict-nam became one again, Islam revived: two up for the longue durée. But what chance its survival in Brazil, Black Africa or Western Europe, all of which Braudel viewed with some optimism in 1960, now?

Michael Ratcliffe

Our finest hour

The Elizabethan Deliverance

By Arthur Bryant (Collins, £8.50)

In half a century of writing loved. (It was a folly that her Sir Arthur Bryant has ranged rival, Mary Queen of Scots, far and wide over English history. After his first book on Charles II, he proceeded to his studies of Samuel Pepys, then in the war years cheered and in the war years cheered and heartened his public with his books on the Napoleonic struggle—The Years of Endurance and The Years of Victory. With the coming of peace he gave us The Age of Elegance, that vivid picture of English society in the post-war years of the Regency.

Later he set forth to inter-pret the whole story of England in separate volumes on related themes. But—as he tells us in introducing his present book, there was one period on which he had never written—"and that the most important". This is, of course, the reign of Elizabeth I. In trying to fill the gap he found himself writing not the single chapter he had intended but a whole book. He calls it The whole book. He calls it The Elizabethan Deliverance—and he does not just mean the defeat of the Armada. He means the whole process by which Elizabeth's England emerged from the uncertainties and disorders of the two previous reigns to become a potential great power. He sees the first 30 years of Elizabeth's reign as decisive for the des tiny of England.

.The English challenge Spain on the oceans was the key to the future. Yet it might so easily never have happened. If Mary Tudor had borne a son ro Philip II (she was only 37) England might have been swept up into the great imoeriai Habsburg combina tunately Mary died childless. Elizabeth, her half sister, only half royal, called Ann Boleyn's bastard by some, de-legitimized after her mother's death, later re-legitimized, succeeded to the throne. What an apprentice ship for a sovereign!

During her dangerous youth Elizabeth had learnt vigilance and shrewd judgment of men and things. She was quick to recognize England's immediate need for a period of peace and

recuperation after the uncerrecuperation after the uncertainties, persecutions, and disorders of the recent past. She knew what mistakes to avoid and—not without pain—decided against the political folly of marrying the man she.

having remarkable men to serve and advise her and was strong enough to hold the balance between them. She supported Lord Burleigh's careful diplomacy but privately encouraged Drake's stupendous circumnavigation and his selure of Spanish treasure. When Philip of Spain added Portugal to his Empire, his power by sea was the greatest and most to his Empire, his power by sea was the greatest and most dangerous in the world. This happened on the eve of Drake's return with his treasure laden ships. The Queen with perfect sang froid disregarded the protests of the Spanish ambassador and knighted Drake.

The story is well known, but Sir Arthur's account makes us tingle again at the dangers, anxieties, and triumphs. He is excellent also on the Armada making us share the heightening tension as the Spanish gal-

ing tension as the Spanish gal-leons sailed up the Channel and feel for their ultimate appalling fate as the great ships were driven northward by the gale, jettisoning provisions, breaking on the rocks of the terrible Hebrides and the hostile Irish shore. It was a great deliverance— one of our finest hours. Yet

when the Queen gave thanks for the victory in St Paul's cathedral many of her seamen were already cast off without pay and begging in the streets. It would take the better part of a century before administration began to catch up with the organization required to the organization required to sustain a navy.

great cultural flowering of the late Elizabethan Age and the emergence of London as Shakespeare knew it. Sir Arthur has read widely, and generously acknowledged, the work of our finest Elizabethan work of our finest Elizabethan historians. But it is his own intense imaginative commit-ment which makes The Elizabethan Deliverance so vividly and splendidly readable.

Fiction

By Eva Figes (Hanish Hamilton, 23.95)

The Second Coming By Walter Percy (Secker & Warburg, 56.95)

By Eva Jones

(Cape, £6.50)

like short povels. Eva Figes has written a very short novel. It has 86 pages. It is brilliant. So is its conception.

Era Figes decided to explore that strange twilight land of frightening, sharp shadows and soft crooning voices which sides into the mind each morning when we awake. At this time we are at our most vulnerable. Fears, irrational and seductively simple, crowd in. The dregs of disturbing diezms slop and gurgle. The focus of the mind's eye is soft and blurred.

Yet it is also a time of bliss-

The body is relaxed and warm. Its tempos are slow and lazy. The barshness of the coming day is a hush of gentle semitones.

It is a time for contempla-tion. It is a time for procrastination. Eva Figes has explored this

world with a charpness of vision and a freshness of observation that is distin-guished by its high technical skill and the strength of its wit and compassion. What she has done is to take one woman and examine seven mornings in her life from childhood to old age. The insights are poignant and funny. The revelations are tender and cruel. The observations are incisive and pro-found.

The child alone in her bedroom, longing for the household to awake so she can burst out laden garden says:

hich makes The ElizDeliverance so vividly
ndidly readable.

C. V. Wedgwood

The am breathing fast. Dark spots
like little fishes swim in front of
my eyes. I blink, they sink to
the bottom of the pool and reemerge, I shut my eyes and watch

the inside of my lids, which grow scarlet . . . I have a theatre be-hind my cyclids and the show I like best is a slaring pattern of bright white and acid green. I can always make it come. The old woman struggling

into wakefulness says: After the solidity of light and After the soluting of tight with vindour/rame have been established I must also revive my body, since only my head awakes. This is a slow business nowadays, but I am in no hurry. I am reminded of a fumbling hand trying to inhabit an old leather glove.

Superb. Superb, too, is the technique used to create the character of the woman and the contours of the world she inhabits. It is information by inference,

Eva Figes tells her reader nothing specific about the woman's background or her circumstances, yet by the subtle use of innuendo, hint and shared confidences she has created a character of immense complexity and formidable strength.

There is only one line of dialogue in the whole of the book, yet by some miracle the voices of the characters are distinctive and clear. Eva Figes uses the book as a

mirror to reflect into the reader's imagination a world of sadness and pleasure, of hap-piness and solitary misery. And the physical world, too, she has portrayed firmly and rotently without being specific. You can see the lovers in se bedroom next to the young

girl. You can hear their cries of pleasure and their whisperings. Later as the girl grows older you can hear their bick-erings and sense their agonies as their love fades and hatred creeps in It is novel-writing of the highest technical excel-

lence.
Walter Percy's The Second
Coming moves through a similar landscape of self-doubt, self-examination, and growing self-awareness.

But here the scenery is more florid, more exotic. Here the ists are clearly labelled Here the reader's lourney is longer and, I fear, more erduous.

arduous.

It is the story of a middleaged man in. Carolina fighting
the pangs of lonekness, frustration, and ill health; and
finding salvation of sorts
through a friendship with a
young girl who has escaped
from an asylum.

It is a precise book leggered It is a poetic book leavened

with a great deal of robust fun and mordant wit. It suffers

somewhat from its domination by its main character. Will Barrett, He is so strongly portrayed and so meticulously examined and analysed that he overshadows and eventually swamps all the other swamps

characters in the book. There is a cynical cutting dge to Mr Percy's observations and his dialogue is fascinatingly quirky. It is an enter-taining book spoiled by poor plotting and an overdom

The flaws in Eva Jones's Taboo are rather more serious. Its theme is incest.

The establishment character and situation is excellent. Brother and sister live in an hotel. Their parents are dead. Physically and emotionally they are coming to depend upon each other totally. Guilt causes misery and anguish. How ere they to cope with it?

The ingredients are perfect for a book of great delicacy and insight.

Unfortunately Eva Jones then throws in two wildly unconvincing characters as a catalyst, and then shums everyone off on a long desert trip to allow passions to fer-ment and the plot to spark and crackle,

It was unnecessary.

The exotic nature of the background and the crudeness of delineation of supporting characters destroy the purity of the original conception. So by the time brother and sister are brought into head-on collision over their emotional and physical involvement the reader's interest has waned and the story has lost convic-

It is a great pity for Eva Iones has a taut narrative style and writes excellent dialogue. I fear she has created a taboo for herself—the fear of striking out hard and unwaveringly for the central core of her theme.

Peter Tinniswood

In the TLS tomorrew: review of Byron, retrospection of Winston's Lord Randolph, and discussion of the Church's progression from tolerance to taboo in its attitude to homosexuality. In the book pages of The Times next week A. L. Rowse reviews Henry VII and Chris Patten writes about David Owen's Face the Future.

Falling off the greasy pole

The Uncrowned **Prime Ministers** By D. R. Thorpe

(Darkhouse Publishing, £7.95) Gardeners talk about the weather, politicians about getting on it is a subject that never palls. Issues come and issues go; ambition lasts for

of course, for most politicians it is enough—to use Lord Butler's analogy—to become a bishop or a cardinal; few can realistically fancy their chances of becoming Pope. Yet those politicians who are thought to have been papabile at some time in their lives are deemed to have failed if they do not get right to the top, however long and distin-guished their careers in the College of cardinals.

A study of those who did
not quite become Prime Minis-

ter may provide some ustful lessons for present and future lessons for present and future aspirants to that office, and it may also tell us a great deal about the party from which they failed to emerge as leader. Mr Thorpe's book does a bit of both in a very readable way. The Uncrowned Prime Ministers whom he has selected are that "great gent." selected are that "great gent-leman" Sir Austen Chamberleman of Australia Chamber-lain, who fell at the last fence (or, to be more accurate, declined to jump it) on three occasions in 1911, 1922 and 1923; the "most superior" George Nathaniel Curzon, who fell heavily once in 1923; and "Rab" Butler, whose oppor-

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political autobiographies of the post-war years (Duff Cooper's is the other).

Mr Thorpe stretches his argument a shade too far in trying to encompass the three very different subjects of this book. There were good and particular reasons why Chamberlain and Curzon did not get to No 10. In 1911, many Conservatives would have regarded Chamberlain as a pretty bogus to No 10. In 1921, many Conservatives would have regarded Chamberlain as a pretty bogus to to No 10. In 1911, many Conservatives would have regarded Chamberlain as a pretty bogus to take on Huilsham, Maudling, wiews. In 1923, Balfour's argument that the rise of the Labour Party made it imposment that the rise of the Labour Party made it impos-sible to have a Prime Minister in the Lords clinched the issue for Baldwin, Forty years later, Mr Benn's campaign to divest himself of his peerage made it possible for Lord Home to avoid the Balfour black-ball.

The reasons for Lord Butler's failure show the Conservative Party in a much less sensible and attractive light; he was a far greater loss both to his party and to the country than either of the others. It is easy to see why Conservatives turned to Harold Macmillan in 1957. "Rab" was tired after years of responsibility, a serious illness and the loss of his first wife. In the wake of Suez, he did not cut much of a dash. The reasons for his rejection in 1963 are more difficult to fathom or

The winners are lucky, a much Bonar Law, Stanley Baldwin, Alec Home, and Margaret Thatcher were all kissed by formula and the baldwin below the baldwin greasy pole. forume; and they had the courage to take their chance

tunities came and alas went in when it came. The successful 1957 and 1963. when it came must also actually It is no disrespect to Mr
Thorpe that one of the principal virtues of his book is that it sends us back to other more substantial volumes by or about the subjects of this one. In Lord Butler's case, there is—as Mr Thorpe points out—one of the two outstanding political autobiographies of the post-war years (Duff Cooper's of India, His yauring of India, His yauring

the other hand would not use the loaded pistol that Macleod and Powell handed to him. 'Mr Thorpe also refers to the

principle of negative choice.
To become Prime Minister, it
is not always necessary to have
many friends, but it is extremely important not to have mely important not to have enemies. It is tempting to add that the possession of strongly held and articulated views is as dangerous to political success and fortune as the existence of a band of critics among your party colleagues. Many politicians have, as Muggeridge said of David Frostrisen without trace, reflecting whatever is the current orthodoxy in a competent and doxy- in a competent and genial enough way.

On the other hand, the Conservative Party to its credit has often had a soft spot for a rebel, like Harold Macmillan. more difficult to fathom or excuse. Maybe the Tory Party rebel, like Harold Macmilian. would never have had him at But are those who follow in Lord Butler's footsteps, see any time. It paid a heavy price for its prejudice.

What is common to the wing the losers? to pursue their own cause with the minimum of zeal? Perhaps



The Garden of Opportunity, by Evelyn De Morgan at Cragside from National Trust Studies 198: (Sotheby Parke Bernet, £12.50). The symbolism is elaborate. To your right the figure of Wisdom is equipped with an Owl for wisdom, a Book for knowledge, and a Cornucopia for wealth. Two students are turning away from Wisdom to Folly, who wears a fish-scale green robe, and holds a silver ball on the reverse side of which is a skull. In her other hand is a sprig of henbane.

Behind harem walls

Women in Muslim History

By Charis Waddy (Longman, £9.95)

In the religious weeklies there used to be—perhaps still are—a good many appeals on behalf of Zenana Missions (Zenana: "an E. Indian harem" OED). It was thought by supporters of the missions that there were a lot of intelligent women in Muslim countries, their faces-hidden behind veils and their weiled faces bidden behind haren walls, who were cap-able, perhaps not of being con-verted but at least of leading more open and useful lives. The popular view that precious few Muslim women have ever had a chance still persists and Dr Waddy sets out to cor-

for those who have regarded the Muslim world as man's domain—and they have num-bered many both within and outside Muslim circles there is an assonishing wealth of feminine character as well as

charm, brilliance, as well as beauty, rescued from oblivion by succeeding periods.

Dr Waddy's examples range from the family of the Prophet—his wives Khatijah and Aishah, his daughter Fatimah—to present day feminists like Hoda Sha'arawy of Egypt and Begum Ra'ana of Pakistan. It is an impressive catalogue, from sheer numbers. And yet

from sheer numbers. And yet what conclusions can fairly be drawn from it?

Perhaps the canvas is too century wide in space and time, and Dr makes no mention of her Waddy too polite and optimistic in her manner, too willing to brought universal amourning and funeral crowds in Cairo as far Nasser. But stick to the particular and and funeral crowds in Cairo as eschew the general. Whatever great as for Nasser. But the reason, the result is rather then she was a singer. giving. A bit more

charm, brilliance, as well as beauty, rescued from oblivion by succeeding periods.

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Brown—or even Angela Brazil—would have been helpful. As Dr Waddy says of medieval Cairo: "What life was like for ordinary women ourside the shekered world of court and palace is a question that awaits research."

The description of the was like for ordinary women ourside the shekered world of court and palace is a question. It, is appropriate to remind western readers that Islamic

law allowed women property rights long before Europe did, and that for what it is worth (usually not much) the consti-tutional battle for equality has drawn from it?

That women in nomadic societies have always found it natural to assume a degree of equality with men? That in dynastic upheavals a strongminded wife or mother is quite likely to be preferred to a weak husband or son? Or simply that you cannot keep half the population indoors all the time?

Perhaps the canvas is too wide in space and time, and that for what it is worth (unually not much) the constitutional battle for equality has almost everywhere been won. It is nice to find Ibo Jubair, the pilgrim from Spain who saw the end of the crusading lingdoms, saying that it was the Christian women who wore veils "and never stop talking." There is one supprising omission. Although Dr Waddy pays attention to a seventh century Umm Kuthum she almost everywhere been won. It is nice to find Ibn Jubair, the pilgrim from Spain who saw the end of the crusading kingdoms, saying that it was the Christian women who wore pays attention to a seventh century Umm Kulthum she makes no mention of her

E. C. Hodgkin

Literary sleuthing

Turgenev and England By Patrick Waddington

That Great Britain exerted a

considerable fascination for Turgeney is incontrovertible. Bezarov in Fathers and Sons is well acquainted with and highly critical of, English manners. In A Nest of Gentlefolk, at least part of Fyodor Lav-retsky's youth is plagued by the half-digested notions of English life and education picked up by his father. England has a habit of "cropping up:" in Turgenev. It by turns irritated and disarmed him. It could seldom spell his name but in the person of Oxford University, acknowledged, his genius wholeheartedly enough to grant him an honorary doctorate. Dickens he had admired above all nevelists.

above all nevelists

All this still leaves Patrick Waddington a problem in trying to eretr a study of this scope—or rather length—on the subject of Turgenev and England. Professor Waddington's love of and devotion to. Russian literature and particularly Turgenev, are beyond question. Indeed Turgenev and England may fairly be describquestion. Indeed. Turgenev and England may fairly be described as one of the most extraordinary labours of love. But does it in 300 pages succeed in relling us substantially more about. Turgenev than we broadly, already knew?—namely that we liked him, and that his obinion of us veered between a truly great uation, and no Englishman has the slightest suspicion of nation", and "no Englishman has the slightest suspicion of what art is" Does any amount of literary sleuthing, of raking over the now cold embers of those days of travel, talk, shooting, visits to Russian emigrés and English literation succeed in blewing life into them?

them?

The sad fact is that this book resembles nothing so much as a PhD dissertation run emuck. The material is painstakingly assembled and displayed; but the answer, at the end of the day, is a lemon. And whether it was a shirt And whether it was a ship wreck on the Isle of Wight 20

years before Turgeney's visit; the Brontes (whom Professor the Brontes (whom Professor Waddington concedes, Turgenev may never have read); or The Confessions of an English Opium Eater which gave rise to the state of mind that conceived Bazarov, must remain, to borrow from Sir Thomas Browne "... a question above Amicurative." tion above Antiquarism ".

: Research has been hard at. work in Turgency and England. But (and this is the gravamen against the book) it has not been more exercized than speculation. Where facts fall the author, hypothesis supplies the deficiency. If Turgency did not go to Madame Tussand's, no matter; Professor Waddington provides him retraspection ton provides him, retrospectively, with a list of warworks he ought to have seen there. on a visit to have seen there.

On a visit to Herzen in Putney.

Turgeney might have read the company his A. Trip to the Forest Belt. If he did they, might have thought him to be on the point of suicide—which in turn, according to Professor Waddington, he might have been assip might not been-or, again, might not

An annoying trick of the author's is his frequent hard ening up of "might have" would have or "may have" to "will have" to imply a greater probability in happenings of which there can be little proof. Thus: " on the way the talk will have been of George Eliot and of literature. " Elsewhere we learn "probably after an early lunch. Torgeney set out may have wished to see was young Sidney Jerold was young Sidney Jerrold
..."; "a number of subscribers
were present... One of these
was possibly Max Müller,
ashamed of his former lack of
enthusiasm ..." And so on.

one can only say that this is a pity. Such a book by an authority in Slavonic studies is bound to command a degree of respectful attention, yet this type of approach must be calculated to stifle further enquiry. At this price at least, the ley embusiast is not likely to be able to affect to have his to be able to afford to have his ardour dampened.

Peter Davies

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Indian discriminated

against over son's

birth certificate

Savjani v Inland Revenue

Before Lord Denning, Master

of the Rolls, Lord Justice Temple-

The services to the public which

the Commissioners of Inland Revenue: provide not only in

collecting taxes but in granting

relief from taxes, making monet-ary repayments and glylog advice

on such matters amount to "the provision... of services to

of section 20(1) of the Race Rela-

tions Act, 1976. In requiring an accountant of Asian origin who

attended their offices in order to claim tax relief in respect of his dependent son to produce a cer-

tified copy of the entry in the register of birth relating to his

son instead of the short form of

quired of texpayers, the Inland Revenue unlawfully discriminated

agniust him on racial grounds

contrary to section 20(1) (b) of the

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Mr. Prabhudas Saviani, of Leicester, against Judge Heald's

dismissal at Nottingham County

Court on August 18 of his claim against the Inland Revenue Com-

trade, or any local or other public authority.
Leave to appeal to the House of Lords was granted.

Mr John Macdonald, OC and Mr Peter Susman for Mr Saviani; Mr Alan Moses for the commissioners.

birth certificate normally

man and Lord Justice Dunn

Court of Appeal



Rehearsing for Man and Superman

Photograph by Donald Cooper

Orpheus Ensemble St John's

Stanley Sadie

in the second concert on Tuesday of their series of three devoted to music by Stravinsky and three generations of British composers, the Orpheus Ensemble artfully, and perhaps a shade cruelly, juxtaposed Ben jamin Britten's Op 1 with works by two younger men, Nicholas Maw and Robert Saxton. Back in the 1930s, when the Britten Sinfonetta was new, it must surely have selzed attentive listeners by the ears with its boldness, its originality, its comprelensive grasp on every

plane. \
Times bave changed; composers elen of the highest talent set thenselves more limited objectives. Saxton's Canzona in memorian. Igor Stravinsky (1978), or example, is a caretully written piece, exploring textures hade up of figuration; initially lafter a brief, gently rhetorical jutroduction; highly polyphonic with tortuous, weav-ing lines, interchanging woodwinds and trings with the horn sometimes supplying a firm middle and inciting the ensemble to scion, and then grad-ually moving toward homo-phony. The progress is clear, the insurumental effects are nicely judged: Saxton's limited a few problem is slived with an aus-

of the work's dedicatee. Maw's La tia nuova (1978-79), on the ther hand, is a celebration of love, in a series celebration of love, in a series of five highly sensuous settings of Italian Renaissance verse. It exphits, like much of his music, he warmth of the soprano voce (here Jane Ginsborg, possibly a little more frail and more vibrant than might be ideal and sets it against textures of exceptional vitality, richness and elabora-tion; like the rilling woodwind and tremondo strings, enlivened by hold leaping figures, of the Bdardo setting, or in the final solg the throbbing strings with calm, broad lines and improvilatory interjections from the woodwind

Toched Roal Court

Irving Wardle

Commercially, that settled its fale: an we are lucky that the Sloane Suare management still has the integrity to present work the believe in, without the usally indispensable credential of novelty or past Success.

ing " as an indience-repellent let me also by that you will find some spel bladingly truthful acting on the Court stage, and a piece hat wonderfully pin-points the moment from which modern ritain began to take on its process lowership. take on its preent lamentable

the hundred take place within the hundred day between the defeat of Gernany and the defeat of Japan and concerns the life of a Nottigham family, three sisters, their mother, and a few neighbours ad work con-

the gormless Johnty, they gos-sip about returning menfolk and read marriage prospects in the tea leaves; and meanwhile

Philharmonia/Nuti Festival Hall

the right length."

does it is usually something of an occasion. After the first time they met on stage, in the shorthived musical Bloomsbury, as Strachey and Carrington, they married. The second time, in Harold Pinter's Betrayal, she established herself as one of the National Theatre's leading actresses.

In their present stage partnership she plays Ann White-field to his John Tanuer in the rarely performed full-length version of Shaw's Man and Superman. For the past six months the Massey household has echoed to marathon Shavian speeches being learnt by heart. She thinks they probably won't make a habit of working together.

Man and Superman has not been performed in London with its detachable one-act diversion. Don Juan in Hell, since 1951, and Shaw himself deemed the plant investible. deemed the play impossible to perform in its entirety. With today's penchant for playing the classics uncut, it was almost inevitable that the National Theatre would attempt it, and indeed the four-and a half-hour evening does not seem as intimidating as it might have done a few years ago.

"It is, after all, no longer than Hamlet, and audiences today are more used to concenrrating on plays for longer, she said. "There have been Nicholas Nickleby and The

the historic voices of the time

mark out the key events. Bel sen, the Potsdam Conference, the Hiroshima bomb.

Mr Lowe, in short, has settled for the venerable form-

settled for the venerable formula of showing the impact of public events on one small domestic group. And it is one mark of his quality that he is more concerned with what he has to say than with displaying technical originality.

More important is the extreme sensitivity with which he operates the old mechanism.

These people may reflect their times, but not in any predictable way. Waiting to hear the bulletin on Germany's uncon-

ditional surrender, one of the girls goes into a Churchillisa version of the "Three Little Pigs"; and the closest we get

rigs , and the closest we get to direct patriotism is a solo of 'Rule Britannia" by a cigar-brandishing little girl who has been left out of the VE-night

three sisters are all expecting better times to come. Young

Betty (Kathryn Pogson) dreams

their separate ways, the

Penelope Wilton does not often act opposite her husband, Daniel Massey, but when she does it is usually something of to catch their trains. The play must take the time it needs. and as long as it keeps the audience enthralled, then it is

She feels the Don Juan theatre." sequence is integral to the play at The design by Ralph Koltal and throws light on the events in the other three acts. In a Juan figure, with Anne Whitelield as Dona-Ana; the banditMendoza (Michael Bryant) is
the Devil. It heightens John
Tanner's themes in Acts I and
II about the fight between the
Man Artist and the Woman
Mother, who is driven by the
Life Force. Much of what
Shaw was saying is relevant
today. He foresaw that people
would be able to make themselves sterile, but also that
when they had done so, the
Life Force which combats Life Force which combats everything would make us

"What makes Shaw's heroines so fascinating for me is that he liked women so much and therefore those he writes about are marvellously rounded characters. He was no chauvinist and was greatly in favour of the New Woman. Perhaps he saw her as less threatening because she was nor obsessed with getting a husband."

want to reproduce again.

Christopher production opens tonight at artistic director, and my first the Olivier, a stage that proper role was as Cordelia in makes considerable demands Jonathan's production of King on the actors. "You are sur Lear.

Penelope Wilton, Superman

fourth wall and act very com-fortably behind it. The Olivier is much more a sharing

uses a large curring mirror background to reflect the dream Tanner is transposed to changing landscape from Engthe sixteenth century as a Don land to Sierra Nevada to Hell Juan figure, with Anne White and back again. The intention, says Koltai, is to "reflect reality at one remove" rather like Shaw's play, where characters and behaviour are at one remove from social rea-

> Penelope Wilton arrracted much critical notice when she played five years ago in Jonathan Miller's productions of All's Well that Ends Well and Measure for Measure at the Greenwich Theatre, He was the Greenwich Theatre, He was the Company of the one of the first directors she worked with and she renews their working parmership when she plays Desdemona in his BBC TV production of Othello next month.

> "I went to the Drama Centre when I was 19, found it extremely hard to get a job, but got into the Nottingham Playhouse as an acting assistant manager at a very interesting point in its history.
>
> Jonathan Miller and Michael Blakemore were directing there, with Stuart Burge as

rounded by the audience and they want to be involved. You have to go out to them, where as in a proscenium arch theatre you can put up a fourth wall and act very comfortably behind it. The Olivier is much more a charing I was accepted, and went on I was accepted, and went on from there."

Probably the most rewarding play for her so far has been Betrayal, in which she plays the central character in a triangular relationship, seen in reverse from the end to the beginning. "It was a wonderful part for

woman. In so many modern plays they are either an appendage of the men or have a lot hangups. Here, was a totally fulfilled woman with two very good relationships going on. good relationships going on.

We always said in rehearsal we must do this play the right way round but we never actually did. It was not an easy play, because Harold writes very sparsely so you have to have a strong feeling of what you are about and what sort of character you are. Pinter writes with a heightened naturalism which can be hard to cope with People used to come along ready to laugh at the famous pauses. There is one scene when I admit to my husband that I have heen having an affair for five years. Daniel and I had to sit and stare at each other forminutes, and some nights Lused to dare people to make a sound."

Clare Colvin

Sideshow

tators' expectations.



year, making many more cripples to join those on stage at Riverside Studios. There are items of less good cheer in the Sideshow, including a conven-tion of employers who attack the disabled with such phrases as. "Kick a cripple today", but all the phrases, including the most birrer, are delivered with a peculiar brand of high spirits calculated to destroy the spec-

The whole point of the Graese Thearre is the sholition of old expectations. Made up

Riverside

Ned Chaillet

Nineteen eighty-ose will be a good year for the disabled, or such is the promise of the wheelchair bound Good Fairy. "Crip", who thinks that the Third World War may start this Gracae Theatre Company's play,

mostly of people disabled in one way or another, the company's uniqueness is audible even before it becomes visible. From the darkened stage comes, the rap of metal crutches, the roll of wheelchairs and then a roll of the drums. "Roll op, roll up", shouts the sideshow barker, played to begin with by Nabil Shaban, who is himself severely physically disabled and confined to a wheelchair from which he seems all arms and

by vigorous raids into what others were pleased to call "Cumbria" and "Merseyside" Alan Taylor could make it whole again, Murray, Grigor (direction) and David Kemp

Squatters eviction procedure

Westminster City Council v On January 14 the council's Monahan and Others

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Eveleigh and Sir David Cairus

Listice Eveleigh and Sir David Cairus

Ljudgments delivered January 191

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by Westminster City Council against an order Mr Justice Lawson made under Order 113, rule 6(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court, setting aside an order of Mr Justice Russell allowing the council to serve short inotice and dismissing the council's summons under Order 113 against Mr, James Monahau, two other named persons and persons under Council in Summons under Order 113 against Mr, James Monahau, two other named persons and persons under Council in Summons under Order 113 against Mr, James Monahau, two other named persons and persons under Council in Summons under Order 113 against Mr, James Monahau, two other named persons and persons under Council in Summons under Order 113 against Mr, James Monahau, two other named were unknown.

The transfer before Mr Justice Lawson, who made the order obtained affidavits from council in the heart future. But there was no evidence to show that the premises from trespossession of Sandringham Plats West, Charling Cross Road. Loudon, on the ground that the council in a failed order applied was mentioned in Larins
LJadgments delivered January 19]
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Supreme Court, setting aside an order of Mr Justice Russell allowing the council to sorve short notice and dismissing the council's summons under Order 113 against Mr. James Monahan, two other named persons and persons and persons and persons and persons. The object was to enable to show urgency. The council issued the summons on the pasis that the defendants in occupation were in occupation which the council were entitled to possession.

Order 113, rule 6(1): provides:

"A final order shall not be made on the originating summons except by a judge in person and shall, except in tase of urgency and by leave of the court, not be made less than five clear days after the

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upon an extensive scale by me-migrants from the Indian sub-continent " and that following that report, the Reyeung " were obliged to introduce more strinobtiged to increase the straingent checks upon claims by immigrants. Those included "the inspection of the full birth certificate which enables the child allowance entitlement of the claimant to be verified." The judge had held that there was no unlawful discrimination. Now there was an appeal: It was plainly a case of dis-crimination. The father had been treated less favourably than other fathers. Was it unique'll dis-crimination under Section 20?

originating from the Indian sub

continent (including one who had-

as Kenya) when claiming tax re-lief for the first time for a child born in the United Kingdom should be required to produce a

snown or required to produce a certified copy of the entry in the register of births relating to such child in proof of his claim. Normally, and as a general rule, such certified copies were not required from other claimants for relief. This requirement was embudded in written transcriptors issued to

There was a letter from the chairman of the Inland Revenue to the Race Relations Board written in May, 1977, saving that a report by the Public Accounts Committee to Parliament in 1958 found that fraudulent claims to personal reliefs had been made

missioners for a declaration that the commissioners had unlawfully discriminated against him on racial grounds, contrary to section 20(1) (b) of the Race Relations The whole question was whether the Revenue were providing facilities or services? within the section, They were clearly a public authority."

action 20 provides: "(1) It is public authority "

Section 20 provides: "(1) It is unlawful for any person concerned with the provision (for payment or not) of goods, facilities or service, when the Revenue could not not public or a section of the public to discriminate against a person who seeks to obtain or use those goods, facilities or services— (b) by refusing or deliberately omitting to provide dim with goods, facilities or services of the like quality in the like manner and on the like terms as service in so far as they gave mentioned person's case in relation of taxes. They also provided a service belongs in a section of taxes. They also provided a service belongs in a section of taxes, repayment of the public or (where the person so that section (2) The following are camples of the facilities and services. The provision of services and provision of services. The provision of services and provision of services of the facilities and services. The case fell within the examples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the facilities and services. The case fell within the camples of the services of any profession or section of the act could raide, or any local or other public and any of the facilities of the faciliti oles in subsection (2)(c) and (2).

His Lordship could indestand the difficulty of the Revenue. Section 41(2) of the Act could provide a way out if the appropriate minister of the Crown thought that the Revenue circular was appropriate, he could take the necessary steps under the section. the section.

If in a particular case the

Mr Aian Moses for the cusmus.

Signers.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS suspicious to call for a full certificate in inspector could require born in both came here in 1970 one but not as a matter of formal and matrice at wife who came policy.

The Kerya, They had a child. The case was very different bear, born on May 13, 1975, at from R v. immugration Appell Leichster. His mother took out a full birth certificate with full part. 1 WLR 1037): In the present case ticulars of both father and mother. There was also a short high the provisions of the Act.

There was elso a short high certificate giving the name and sex of the child and his date of birth. The price of the full certificate was ELSO, the short form of certificate was free.

The father would have been

long with the cheap print dresses and cracking radio of a weelchair from of austerity Britain.

The production has the same qualities: spore, tough, economical, poised, and absolutely in period, apart from the ultied back wall militor in Frank Conway's set which has the seems all arms end back wall militor in Frank Conway's set which has the effect of catching the group and holding them at arm's length, as' if distanced by time.

Creating expressly for it.

The movements for double chorus's currently healthy condition, under their new chorus master Heinz Mende. Most of the extant sold music, to music is for the two sopranos; Health Conting the music is for the two sopranos; Health Conting the word of white the sale stands of the Philiparmonia Corrustos and Agnes Baitsa (both from Contest of the Contest of the Sales a port of wheelchairs and stages a very lively death the solo tenor, Robert Tearly reveiled in their melodious and florid music, to be made to potential ending the solo tenor, Robert Tearly reveiled in their melodious and florid music, to be made to potential ending the solo tenor, Robert Tearly reveiled in their melodious and florid music, to be made to potential ending the proton of skills.

Prestree's handsome. Deeby the status solo presented and much with Mozart's trills.

Alan John Percival Taylor was

clearly a disagreeable little boy who scowled at the ladies in tongue and slurred his feet in the gutter in order to avoid alking to other little boys on

about the First world was in-ing ace has just completed an eight-week run at the Mark Taper Forum in Los Angeles. The impresario Peter Bridge

The impresario reter bridge said he expected it to open in London early in April. It will be the same performers, Eric Peterson and John Gray, as

were seen in Edinburgh.

Bridge is also involved in

bringing south another play from Edinburgh, Rents, by Michael Wilcox, which was pre-sented at the Traverse Theatre

during the 1979 Edinburgh Festival. It will be something of a contrast to Billy Bishop, since its subject is teenage

homosexual prostitution.

Directed by Robert Gillespie and designed by Grant Hicks.

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who scowled at the ladies in can do " under the crystal and ormulu in Thom's Japanese Teahouse, distincted the dancing class by the long conflation of four separate Sir John would not have done, spectacular flickering of his programmes on Southport, Pres- that he hoped he would never that he hoped he would never have to go there again. The Illuminations on the other

hand, he loved.

Much like the stick of rock given to members of the press

are better.)

Britain's pioneering company of disabled actors, the Graeae Company, has had such ford Curzon as the soloist in a success in its first year that it Mozart plano concerto, is in is now hoping to turn itself aid of charity, with the aim of into a permanent touring raising funds from the assembled executives for the Pesta Graeae, which is appearing the children's harman touring group.

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NOT TO BE MISSED: Teresa Berganza sings arias by Haydin and Handel, with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra under Roderick Brydon. Tonight in Aberdeen, and then in Glasgow Covent Garden (February 1) and Greenwich (February 1) and Greenwic

The appeal was allowed.

Solicitors: Mr. D. P. Firm:

Miss Jane Wright. Control of the second of the s





After the Royal Court revival of Coud Nine here is the secon chance to see another fine reent play that misfired on its irst London appearance. Acclaised in Edinburgh three years ago, Stephen Lowe's Touche then limped into the Old Vis for a few token per-

"Integri," is also the outstanding arribute of the text and of Wham Gaskil's pro-duction; ad, as that word ranks secont only to "interest-

shape.
Touched take place within

They chat as thy unpeg the washing, they lark about with

William Mann

Riccardo Muti has returned to

the Philharmonia Orchetra, of which he is the musical direc-tor, and will be reording Mozart's Mass in C mine this week with them and their chorus. By way of a tril run they performed it on Tiesday on the South Bank. Muti prefaced it with Each's third orchestral suite; it was optional repeat of it and the "Headsit's Willie - Tails it's Phil." Edge of Britain Granada Michael Ratcliffe

and only then unsupported by harpsichord continuo), the slow part of the overture taken rhythmically as written, the

a curiously old-fashioned reading to bear these days, played with a quite large body of strings (reduced for the Air, rhythmically as written, the dance movements heavy in pulse, the music moulded with nuances in the romantic manner, cadences left without the requisite additional gracing. I did enjoy the light arbieticism of the violins in the quick part of the overture (Muri took the optional repeat of it and the

from war-work under an offi-cious Tory foreman to kitchen drudgery under a fiddling Labour supporter; and the dream starts going sour. It is Sandra's life that brings

the action into focus. To their horror, the family discover that she is pregnant by an Italian prisoner of war and try to bully her into aborting the child before her husband's return. She refuses. For her, that new life and the revivat of the country are inseparable. Hence the title pun, combining sexual reference with the accusation of going soft in the head. And hence the double meaning when it turns out there is no child hopes for a better country also amount to no more than an of a glamorous marriage, Joan (Sharon Duce), the family's snappy humourist, thinks of emigrating; Sandra (Marjorie Yates) really believes that the war will give birth to a new age. "Out of this eyil, good's bound to come; it doesn't make sense otherwise", she says, firmly turning down the offer of some piliered chicken. But with the change of government the girls move on from war-work under an offi amount to no more than an hysterical pregnancy.

The piece takes no advantage effect of catching the group and holding them at arm's length, catch phrases and Vera Lynn as if distanced by time.

Kathryn Pogson and Marjorie Yates

the action into focus. To their songs, it could have been

slow conclusion, an uncommon

decision, one that works well). The movements for double and the peals of joy from the chorus left no doubt of the three trumpets.

Mozart's C minor Mass
remains a mystifying master-

piece, even more than his D minor Requiem which is like-wise incomplete. It is unlikely

that we will ever know why he did not finish the C minor work, whose music stands so like the solo tenor, kopert clearly head and shoulders Tear) revelled in their melospove his other Masses, and dious and florid music, to-sounds as if written with a congetter and separately, though methods and such with Mozar's suming enthusiasm for the new neither churchly style that he was trills.

milk, preferring to drink water. Preston's handsome. Derby be?) Edge of Britain was bright instead. "It was felt to be Room and the prospects of pink on the outside only and inegalitarian if I got free water nuclear power on Heysham stamped A. J. P. Taylor all whilst they paid a penny for Head passed before his mourn the way through?". He may

ton, Blackpool and Morecambe seen earlier in Granadaland, cast the Beaverbrook Librarian talking to other little boys on he way to school. He was a note advanced reader than tiey, for one thing, and disduned the morning glass of dary changes, the noting of and garden peas, than it used to horribly wrong.

Arts agenda One of the hits of last year's ing back. Nicholas Nickleby to Edinourgh Festival, the Canadian play Billy Bishop Goes to War, by John Gray, is due to been to accommodate the actopen in the West End this spring. Described as a play which was due to transfer to with music, the two-man drama about the First World War fly-short season in Newcastle upon Transfer to Transfer ing back. Nicholas Nickless to the Aldwych (it starts a three-month season in April). has been to accommodate the acting company at Straiford, which was due to transfer to London in the spring after a short season in Newcastle upon Tyue. However, Trevor, Nunn, the joint artistic director of

the joint artistic director of the RSC, said they had resolved the problem by arranging for the Stratford company to return there after the Newcastle visit; in the to London they will present 2 new production of The Merchant of Venice.

Edward Heath occasionally ventures on to the conductor's

podium, usually to conduct an overture or another short piece

it should open in the West
End later in the spring.

One difficulty for the Royal
Shakespeare Company in bring-

world affairs (Zhigniew Bra-zinski is the opening speaker It's all fairly scurrilous." The this year). Mr Heath will be show, which opens on Feb-chairing the symposium, but ruary 25. is called She Was half way through he will exchange his gavel for a baton, and conduct a concert by the (I hope the rest of the jokes which will be making its first excursion outside Britain.
The concert, with Sir Clif-

lozzi children's homes.' A satirical show based on the book The Thatcher Papers the Newcastle visit; in the by Alistair Beaton and Andy three months before they come Hamilton is being launched to London they will present a next month by the Bush new production of The Mer- Theatre in west London Based on supposedly secret papers leaked by a Whitehall mole, it could well cause the sort of protests heard last year about the play A Short, Shorp Shock, which was seen at the Theatre Royal, Strafford East, and the

overture or another short piece the play A Shart, Sharp Shock, at some celebratory concert. But on February 4 he will be conducting a complete programme of works by Bach. The Bush sound singularly unworried about the prospect of people fulminating about a waste of public money on left in Switzerland, at the Davos Symposium, an annual consecutives which discusses of right-wing MPs, the Bush

Family affair

defining the word's meaning.

Family Forum seems to have had its origin in what was called the National Council of Social Services (NCSS) now the National Council for Voluntary Organizations (NCVO), a long-standing body with the impeccable general objective of promoting voluntary action.

According to the 1977-78 annual report of the NCSS, a meeting had been convened to discuss "the place of the family", It was chaired by Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, who he

Peter Bottomley, MP, who be-came chairman of a steering committee with representatives on it of various voluntary and statutory bodies.

"The committee came into being", the report records, "to discuss whether a family movement should be launched in Britain" and the sort of structure and programme it should have.

"As a working definition, it was a household with a dependant of dependant and for a group of dependants and/or a group of people fulfilling family functions." (Please read that again; several times if you can bear it.)

So Family Focum was launched, and one of its organizers' earliest preoccupations was defining what it would mean by the "family". One of its most active members from the start was. Mr Alastair Service of the Family Plauning Association and formerly lobbyist of the Abortion Law Reform Association.

Reform Association.

At a meeting on January 23, 1979, be is reported to have observed that it "would be dangerous if we sought a close definition of the family." It was, he said, very important "that we should define it as widely as possible, if at all."

At a meeting of the Family Forum organizing committee on January 22, 1980, plans for an inaugural meeting wero made, a promise of £20,000 by the Carnegle Trust was announced, the mechanics of child benefit were considered and at the head. of suggestions for future activitics was "To take up issues such as 'Contraception and the Under 16s' and also a much wider range of issues."

The same afternoon, an open

neeting was held by Family Forum to discuss the provision of contraceptives for children below the age of consent, bodies representing both sides of the argument being present. This was at the time when Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Social Services Secretary was contemporary was conte vices Secretary, was contemplating moderating the DHSS memorandum which virtually licensed doctors to prescribe the pill to girls below the legal age

withour telling their parents.
One interesting incident at a Family Forum meeting on the subject was the production of a letter fro mthe Mothers' linion (apparently prepared by Ms Anne Hopkinson, chairman of the MU's social problems committee) supporting keeping changed. This intervention seems by no means to com-mand general assent in the

Mothers' Union. On September 10, 1980, the inaugural meeting of Family Forum was beld at the House Commons. Among those who "endorsed the Constitution on behalf of their organizations and so became founder mem-bers were the representatives of such well-known pro-Family groups as the Family Planning Association and the Campaign for Homosexual Equality, as well as Ms Anne Hopkinson for

the Mothers' Union. The scene was now set for the first annual general meetother than the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, which I suppose was only right and proper as the Exchequer was giving £20,000 to support Family Forum in its first two years. Sir Geoffrey, I understand, talked years sonunderstand, talked very sensibly about the family as most of us understand it, which is of us understand it. which is plainly not at all the idea of

Have you heard of an organ many who will have the use of ization called Family Forum? this organization.

No? That is hardly surprising.

All this, you might have All this, you might have

think they want their first sexual relationship. They both think it will be around 16." [my italies].

But Mr Service was still a

wrote to Mr Bottomley on November 14 expressing his concern about the list of member organizations. "That makes curious read-ing in one respect especially",

wrote Mr Service. There was a plethora of nominations from small local pressure groups in Harrow and other individual places of the 'Parents and Children Concern' type".

Mr Service went on to say that he foresaw a "dangerously unhalanced" membership towards people with such views if local organizations (which he thought to be offshoots of the Responsible Society) could join, though he thought it "only right that national organizations such as the Responsible Society and the Order of Christian Unity should be members of the FF and (in their view I suppose; balance the membership of FPA and Brook Advisory Centres".

"I therefore believe ", he concluded, "that we must be very careful in establishing the rules governing admissable organizations—and I realize that this factor must be balazeed against the need for representation of grass roots bodies. I hope you will be able to devise proposed rules that will take both these factors into account. I think it is important if we are to make wrote Mr Service. There was a plethora of nominations from

factors into account. I think it Family Forum work as we would all wish it to. Yours ever, Alastair."

ever, Alastair."
For myself, I don't think Mr
Service has much to worry
about. With Ms Hopkinson (to
whom Mr Service sent a copy
of his letter to Mr Bottomley),
Mr Nicholas Tyndall, of the
Marriage Guidance Council
(who has promoted the wretched book Make it Happy which
the FPA were obliged to cease
stocking before they could get
their renewed grant from the
Government) and a few more to
keep him company. I don't keep him company. I don't think he will be lonely on Family Forum's executive committee.

Forum: "I would state at this moment that the Forum is unlikely to limit its interest to the conventional family of two parents and two kids."

In short, Family Forum will try to emulate the American experience in which the word family was taken over by the social engineers and redefined as something else. The White House conference report of 1970 (Forum 14) described as ranging from "nuclear families" to "single parent", "communal", "group marriage" and "homosexual varieties".

distressed, but what is the point of describing as the family something that is not the family except to destroy the meaning of a word and a concept? The family, larger or smaller, means

basic ethos that he and like-minded organizations support.

It has received almost no publicity. But its birth is a tale worth telling to illustrate how brandishing a word that (in its common meaning) has every-hody's approval, and then to promote social change by redefining the word's meaning.

Family Forum seems to have

little disquieted. Even before the AGM on November 14, he

things; occidit miseras cramge repetita inagistras. What is the point of announcing for the hundredth time that Christmas comes but once a year, that the sun shines by day and the moon by night, that twice two make four? Only, I think, this: that the more we fail to remind ourselves that these true things are true, the more we run the risk that the contrary view will eventually prevail. And perhaps the most significant and terrible truth about our world is that there is a contrary view; there are people who insist that Thursday follows Friday, and not the other way about, that in some right-angled triangles the square on the hypotenuse is by no means equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides, that black, contrary to the hitherto universally accepted view, is in fact white, and vice versa.

I expect he will be successful with his non-definition of the family, too. As the deputy director of NCVO, Mr Roy Manley wrote contemptuously to an inquirer about the Family Forum: "I would state at this

So we can't say we haven't been warned. I am all for social work to help anyone who is

tamily, larger or smaller, means those who are linked together by marriage, by blood or by formal adoption.

Why is Mr Service so frightened of grass roots opinion? The answer can only be that if it could express itself, it would declare against the basic erhos that he had like.

Should we not listen to what he calls grassroots opinion on these matters in preference to the professional career-structured social bureaucracy which runs to many of the organizations sheltering under the umbrella of Family Forum? At the very least, is this the sort the very least, is this the sort of exercise for which this Covernment should spare public money? Even £30,000 would provide a wheelchair or two.

Bernard Levin

Marinetta and the nine bullets

God rest you, peaceful gentlemen, let nothing you dismay, But-leave your sports a little while-the dead are borne this What lies upon our plate is the knowledge that Armies dead and Cities dead, past all count or care. some things are evil ... and that what was God rest you, merry gentlemen, what portent see you there? Break ground for a wearied host done to Marinetta Jirkowski is one of those things? That have no ground to keep.

Give them the rest that they

> which tells a story often reconsted by me in the past and no doubt even more often to be repeated by me in the future. And at any rate to be And at any rate to be

the future. And at any rate to be told by me today.

A pregnant girl of 18—we even have her name, Marinerta Jirkowski—was shor dead by East German border guards while trying to escape to the West with two men. The two men survived, and got to freedom; Fräulein Jirkowski did neither, but fell dead with nine bullers in her. That total seems even for the Vonas. fell dead with nine bullers in her. (That total seems, even for the Vopos, to be over-egging the pudding a bit, but it may be that the careless young thing caught her foot in the wire which sets off the automatic multiple-fire guns that are mounted on posts all along the border and which differ from weapons on other frontiers, as does the entire East German armoury in those parts in one strange armours in those parts, in one strange and striking particular; they all point inwards towards their own citizens; not outwards against a possible

God rest you, peaceful gentlemen, but give us leave to pass. We go to dig a nation's grave as We go to dig a nation's grave as great as England was.

For this Kingdom and this Glory—and this Power and this Pride,

Three hundred years in flourished—in three hundred days it died.

Pour oil for a frozen throng,

That hie about the ways.

Give them the warmin they have lacked so long.

And what shall be next to blaze,

good sire.

On such a pyra to blaze?

Just so, you have a powerful feeling of dejavu. or old Bernard's banging on again. We have supped full of horrors these past few decades, and the worst result of such decades, and the worst result of such a diet is not indigestion but loss of appetite. And yet it seems no me that even if we have to hold our noses and make a face as we swallow, sup we must. For what lies upon our plate is the knowledge that some things are evil—evil sans phrases—and that what was done to Marinetta lirkowski is one of those things. And if we do not force that knowledge into ourselves and keep it down against the rising gorge, but instead listen to those who offer us more palatable but poisoned fare, we shall be doomed first and demned afterwards; and serve us right on both counts, particularly the first.

Answering the question

God rest you, thoughtful gentlemen, and send your sleep is light !--Remains of this dominion me shadow sound or sight. Except the sound of weeping and the sight of burning fire.
And the shadow of a people that is trampled into mice.
Break bread for a station fulk.
That perish in the field,
Give them their food as they take And the shall be next to

There are plenty all around us who could answer that question, and not a few who have, already done so. a few who have, already done so. There are those who tell us (some of these, incidentally, believe at) that unilateral disarmament cought to be undertaken by Britain because the action might bring such moral presents to bear on the Soviet leaders that they would be compelled to follow suit. Others insist that the standard of living in fast Germany is the seventh highest in the industrialized world—or the fourth highest or the third, or the eighth, for the figures are all imaginary any way and which is selected at any moment is of little importance—and that that can only mean the people moment is of little importance—and that that can only mean the people are contented with their lot. Yer others assure as that the "brain drain" from eastern Germany would be crippling to the country's economy if its citizens were allowed to leave, a state of affairs which any country is entitled to prevent. One, on the opposite page only a month or two ago, said that it Soviet troops invaded. Poland the West should on no account do anything in return that might disdo anything in return that might dis-please the Soviet leaders. Why, per-haps Mr. Sebastian Coe would see haps Mr. Sebastian. Coe would seen nothing wrong in running—and for glory and medals alone, not for cash—in Leipzig or Potsdam, or for that matter in 2. Warsaw occupied by the Red Atmy, and possibly in entirer case Sin Denis Follows would come trotting and puffing behind, wagging his tail and yapping. Let's keep politics out of sport?

And so I feel it necessary to bang

my head again the reall again roday, upon it strange death of Marinetra linkski. I do not know how the filthyling that killed her is to be destried, though I know that sooner of later it must be I do know that here are people in this country to admire that thing, and wish to to it rule us ino, and some of themre in dur universities, and some in it press and television, and some the councils of our trade union movement, and some in Purliames, and many of them irade unioquiovement, and some in. Parliamet, and many of them hardly both any longer to pretend that their beliefs are other than they are hich suggests that they shink sheyare near to their goal; and in so linking they may well be right.

One da a-recepting.

Ruidley are not right in saying that fire two make five, not that river flow upull, nor that grass is blue ne day, there will be a reckoning a chose who fired nine bullets into dariners linkowski. But every time are of us fails to feel rag at what was done to her, or to ecognize our rage as the correct mal response to unmitigated evil, the failure not only postpones the dy of judgment on her killers, but pings nearer a very different judgment on ourselves.

God rest you ment gentlemen and

God rest you, merry gentlemen, and keep you in your mirth! Was ever Kingdom turned so soon to ashes, blood and earth? Twixt the summer and the snow-seeding-time and frost-Arms and victual, hope and coun-sel, name and country lost

Let down by the foot and the Shovel and smooth it all! So do we bury a Nation dead.

And who shall be next to fall, good sus, With your good belp to fall? G Times Newspapers Limited, 1981

How the press was scooped on the day Victoria died

Rumours that the Queen not well began to circulate towards the middle of January when it was noticed that she was not going shopping in Cowes—as she usually did when she was on the Isle of Wight—or visiting cottagers on the Osborne estate. Nothing was published, how-ever, and not until the evening

A story

in 50 words

And who shall be next to sleep, good sirs, In such a trench to sleep?

Thus spake Rudyard Kipling, and not a moment too soon, if you ask me. For it is hard, and getting harder, to find new ways in which to say old things; occidit miseras crambe repetita magistras. What is the point of announcing for the hundredth time

That is why, though I do not enlow banging my head on a brick wall. I have to have another thump or two today. For a week or so ago there was a report, so irrelevant to the world's concerns that I could find no.

trace of it in any newspaper other than The Daily Telegraph, where it was recounted in exactly 50 words,

of Saturday the 19th did any-thing definite reach our office: a tip that the Queen was really ill.

With only 10 minutes to spare I seized E5 from the cashier, jumped into a cab and caught the last boat to the island. From East Cowes I walked up York Avenue, the long hill that leads to Osborne House. The road is lined with trees and trim vilias, but I could not see them for it was a black night with a cold, rainy

Solitary gas lamp

All was quiet at the lodge at the entrance to the grounds of Osborne House. No one was about and one solitary gas lamp was burning. The Prince of Wales Hotel opposite looked inviting I went in Nodding over a wood fire was our Cowes correspondent, a man named Lewis. He had been there most of

the day and all the previous night, so I mounted guard while

Queen Victorial died 80 years ago today. This previously unpublished description of the scene at Osborne was written by the late William George Easthope, then a young journalist on the Portsmouth evening paper, of which he was later editor.

There was only one, a doctor in York Avenue. After noting the address I rang up the office, reported the state of affairs, and called for reinforce. ments. Then I tramped back up the hill. Word about the Queen's con-

dition had begun to spread and as the morning went on visitors began to arrive. By moon the landlord of the hotel was overwhelmed by a crowd of London journalists, who had of London journalists, who had arrived on the first boat, demanding food as well as drink. All had to be satisfied. The doctor received us in on and arreturned to Portion with a rapidly dwindling stock his consulting room. He was mouth A special edition was of bacon and eggs. More reluctant to agree to our ready and the office all keyed personnel throughout the day, would allow us to make one do was to arrange for the Wales, soon to be King haps Fish's impressive hat and to be rushed through to London Edward, and Kaiser Wilhelm personnive cloquence helped don.

The news of the Queen's passing did not come through to This.

And for our hostages,

get the news first away: a sys-tem of signals with handker-chiefs, relays of sunners, a horse (which ran amok among horse (which ran amok among the garden frames) and so on. Prominent among the bunch was Julian Ralph, the Daily Mail correspondent, who had orders to be first with the impending news, and seemed prepared to buy the Isle of Wight if necessary to get his story through.

to Lewis, went down the hill to the post office and spent 10 minutes searching the telephone directory for subscribers, living near Osborne House (later to edit the Daily Mail). complete with glossy silk bat. He also had instructions to be first with the news, so I unfolded my scheme to beg the use of the doctor's relephone in York Avenue. That would get us through to Portsmouth, and thence word could go straightto Exchange Telegraph by our private wire. ::

Longing....



streets of Cowes. In the centre, King Mward VII is accompanied by the Kaser.

some of the Lundon men and ours was easily the first extraordinary sene when the notice them and upset our press nessage out of the balletin was posted. An avaplians island. Fire seconds later the lanche of frazzed humanity by team time I felt tired presses segan to revolve for a swept down York Avenue so left my conteagues to carry record ale:

II. They strolled arm in arm in the Osborne grounds, talking affectionately.

I lunched at the Royal Marine Hotel in Cowes, listening to reporters from the big increasingly thronged. The private wire, an official notice surposed every are the telephone wires leading to the baving been posted at the surposed every area of the content of the private wire, an official notice as a surposed every surposed every area of the content of the private wire, an official notice belong the content of the private wire, an official notice the private wire, an official notice the private wire. the day and all the previous night, so I mounted guard while he had a nap. A police sergent on duty in the lodge confirmed that the Queen was pretty bad". No news came ing to reporters from the big trom the dark silent house, however, and the long night wore wearily away.

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Message to the Lord Mayor

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the Lord Mayor

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At the rail of the procession

LONDON DIARY

From exotica to erotica. Soho style

Yer another cherished little bit of Soho is about to fall victim to what I suppose must be described as contemporary libertarianism. The House of liamburger in Brewer Street. Soho, a delicatessen which is one of the few places in London where you can still buy oak smoked kippers, will shortly be transformed into a sex shop.

Although I imagine that most Londoners are affronted by the creeping invasion by the porn merchants of the capital's most cosmopolitan "village", there seems to be precious little that the authorities can do about it.

For example, no planning per-mission is required for a change of retail use, which means that Girty magazines and "sex aids" can be substituted for salami and cheeses with impunity. Live "performances", film shows and coin booths must officially be licensed, but local authorities and the police find that there are endless difficulties in enforcing the law, and that the cornographers are adept at exploiting every possible loop-

hole.
"Most of the time they don't

prosecuted. The same goes for unauthorized signs outside their premises, which often cause great offence. We take them to court, they pay the pathetic little fines that are demanded and they go away laughing."
One of the difficulties lies in

a confusion of authorities. West-minster is the planning author-ity and also has powers to license sauna and massage parlours. Entertainment licences are the responsibility of the Greater London Council. Enforcement of the obscenity laws is up to the Metropolitan Police. The Fire Brigade must decide whether buildings con-stitute a safety hazard. Drink licences are a matter for the magistrates.

Moreover, the GLC's powers to control so-called entertainment apply not only to places which are open to the public and not to those which masquerade as private clubs; this opens the door to all sorts of

Bryan Cassidy, chairman of the council's public services and safete committee, is attempting to maintain the momentum of the clean-up Soho campaign launched by his colleague, Bernard Brock Patridge, three years ago, but the opposition is devious and well organized.

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accept the whips and scorns of our supposedly enlightened time. Soho, you deserved a better fate.

Hard cases

Jack de Manio, the former broadcaster who could never get the time right, gave a lunch yesterday for a group of the most influential men in London -the hall porters at cleven of the capital's leading hotels. The tenuous excuse was that de Manio once worked in a hotel, and he had been retained to promote the merits of a restaurant which I shall of course not name.

Hall porters are almost as willing to divulge information as they are to dispense drinks in the middle of the night, but I did gather that notels are going through a lean period at present. Claridges, for example. now allows film stars to stay at the hotel, a development that would have outraged its more genteel visitors a few years ago. Hotels at Heathrow have had to follow the Laker example by offering cheep rooms on a

But despite the decline in the numbers of Arab and Iranian clients, staff at the Carlton in Knightsbridge were "Most of the time they don't cven bother to apply for treen because they know they won't get them," a Westminster council official confessed. "So they go zhead and wait to be to the gefillte fish and stoically the storm of the time they don't consider the storm of the tree time to the gefillte fish and stoically the storm of the time they don't consider the time



the hall porters had disposed of it all in a spirit of Christmas

"And if you print any of that," said one of the luncheon guests, "we'll break your nock."

Wills as head of Radio Sher and Shetland in both 1974 elected the BBC's most far-flung tons; he lost badly and then Council, whose development continuity radio station. It appears that his style has upset the hierarchy on both the Shetlands Islands Council and the RBC's Scottish management in Clasgow.

Dr Wills's cheery irreverence attracted the size of audience that other local stations might, entry, but his unremitting coverage of local council affairs.

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senior menagement appeared to believe that I had failed to maintain SSC standards of balance and impertality in my programmes. Dr Wills said yesterday. The only other London by him in \$22. The person to make such an allegation was a certain chief officer of the Chestand feleral of the chestand of the Shetland Islands Coun-

Dr Wills has had a varied

coverage of local council affairs resulted in a summons to Glusgow on a three-month attachment as a reporter to a production unit.

Dr Wills, aged 33, declined and after some acrimonious exchanges between Glasgow and Lerwick handed in his resignation.

"I was given to understand that, at most, two people in semior management appeared to believe that I had failed to The Diorama was derised in particular to the production unit.

Shutters up?

I hear that the fate of what to face with each picture in turn. Ancient rums were the farmodest stretch of the imigination, as London's first chema though the production that is in particular. The place went once and wrote: "It is in particular that, at most, two people in knocked down to make vay for houses.

The Diorama was derised in be in a case of magpies."

more than 71 feet by 45 feet, translucent in parts so that they could be changed by varying

Visiting the Diorana in its heyday (is closed in 1852) must have been quite a novelty. The pictures remained stationary but the audience of 300 could.

be in a cage of magpies." Just like any West End

Bunny fight

L'expect the air to be filled with insult should be a good deal a good class of insult at the more highly developed. Oxford Union in the coming the light from above and a good class of insult at the more highly developed.

University, where he was the helind by an elaborate system Oxford Union in the coming of shutters. The theatre inself, weeks Mary Whitehouse, it compared to the Shetland Times of shutters. The theatre inself, weeks Mary Whitehouse, it compared to the Shetland Times of shutters. The theatre inself, weeks Mary Whitehouse, it compared to the strength of the Northern engineer named Morgan, was as guardian of public morals it of league in a London restaurant. Intrinsic as the machinery it engage in verbal swordplay nor intrinsic as the machinery it engage in verbal swordplay nor intrinsic as the machinery it engage in verbal swordplay nor intrinsic as the machinery it housed.

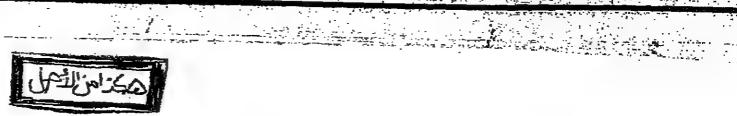
Now the Crown Estate Combead of the Playboy empire in office."

Alan Hamilton redevelop the site but they are a lifence for pornography it a

denial f freedom". Andrew Sutcliff, the union president, expects the presence of Mandy publicationals from the sixties, but h has failed in his efforts to ge hold of another centre-

stage player of that era, Chrisine Keeler Og reflection I think the will be disappointing; borisides are entrenched, overexpised, and unlikely to add mula to the sum of human knielege Much more intrigu-in should be the political deste on February 27 between Sele de Valera, the Irish and Hro MP and granddaughter of amon, and the Rev Martin mperial Orange Order They will debate the motion libit. Northern Treland was mjustly created and has irrestricted failed as a political

entity. I expect their attitudes are just as entrenched as those of Whitehouse and Lowndes.





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IN THE CONTEXT OF NATO

The Government has announced a programme of defence economies which will enable it 10 prune spending on the Armed Forces by £200m during the next financial year. The programme is not yet complete, but most of the big decisions have been taken for the time being-which is a phrase worth appending in the prevailing economic

The Royal Navy and the Royal Marines are the most disappointed, followed closely by the RAF. By and large, however, the thinking behind the cuts has been sensible enough, given that any have to be made. The theme has clearly been to save the new equipment due to be introduced during the 1980s, either by deferring programmes or at the expense of older systems, which will be phased out more quickly.

This process inevitably creates some uncomfortable gaps. But none of these looks so serious that the service concerned cannot live with it. It is ironic that the Government, after making such a fuss about the parlous state of the country's air defences, should ditch its own plans for an extra squadron of Lightnings to redress the balance. On the other hand the additional unit of the elderly, short-range Lightnings was as much a political gesture as a military solution. All such decisions are painful, but pain is a subjective exper-ience and it would be foolish to pretend that either Britain or Nato has been dangerously weakened by yesterday's announcement.

More depressing is the very fact that the country's defence policy is once more caught up in a cycle of stop-go-stop. The Government would no doubt contend that this is an exaggeration. But it is largely its own fault if this is the impression which has been given. The euphoria with which the Services welcomed Mrs Thatcher's electoral mumph eighteen months ago is already starting to evaporate. Still, this kind of criticism is not very constructive and it is to the future that we must turn. The latest round of cuts will encourage the debate over whether Britain should examine the shape of its Nato contribution and the range of its commitments during the 1980s.

That is more easily said than done. To disturb the balance of forces in Britain requires not only the skills of a political/ military analyst but the kind of nerve more often seen around the gambling tables of Las Vegas. No one knows if we will ever be called upon to fight another war in Europe, and even if we are we have no real conception what that war might be like. Would it be decided on land, at sea or in the air? Would it be long or short? Would nuclear weapons be used? Answers to these questions have to be attempted, but in the end they remain imponderables, and it is not a weak man but a wise one who hedges his bets when the stakes are so high.

For that reason alone, apart from any political considerations, such an examination would require cooperation within Nato.

Would that cooperation be forthcoming? The alliance usually moves in the manner of a donkey, with a carrot at one end and a stick at the other. So far it has been the Americans who have applied most of the stick. but progress has remained erratic, interrupted by crises and suffering from the same lack of direction that has too often characterized defence policy in Britain. However, this is no argument for letting well alone. It is rather an argument for applying heavy pressure on Nato for constructive review of its priorities and how these should be addressed-a review reaching beyond those initiated by President Carter four years ago, With a new President in the White House, this is perhaps no bad time for such pressure to be

applied.

For Britain it is a question of whether to continue its struggle to maintain its present balance of forces plus the strategic de-terrent and to fulfil the present range of commitments, or whether to concentrate upon what it can do best-or upon what, by common consent, it can most usefully contribute to the defensive strategy of the alliance.
As Mr Nott, the new Defence Secretary, said on Tuesday, it is not a question of stark choicesnot at this stage, anyway-but of emphasis. The aim should be a level of defence spending and a distribution of resources which Nato and the British Government -whatever its colour—feel that they can benefit from and maintain, without interruption, in the

THE GULF WITHOUT THE HOSTAGES

It will be some time before the full impact of this week's events is felt. But even at this stage it. is clear that the release of the hostages has removed an impediment around which the struggle for power inside Iran has swirled for the past fifteen months. The American Embassy and its occupants became the focus for a frenzied anti-Americanism which the more pragmatic of Iran's revolutionary leaders were powerless to prevent, and which became an obstacle to rational policies.

The removal of that obstacle seems bound to benefit President Bani-Sadr and his associates, combined perhaps with the more flexible elements within the clergy-dominated Islamic Republican Party. The result may well eventually be a more stable government in Tehran. Ever since the overthrow of the Shah two years ago, Iran has suffered from lack of central control. The only man to wield almost unquestioned authority has been the Ayatollah Khomeini.

The Iranian economy—as President Bani-Sadr has argued all along—has been grievously damaged by isolationist policies, including the loss of oil revenues. Above all, Iran's weakness has been glaringly revealed by the war with Iraq. Their military equipment_is_almost_entirely American. The Iranian Army-of which President Bani-Sadr is Commander-in-Chief-has grown increasingly frustrated by the prevailing anarchy, and alarmed by the non-replacement of diminishing spare parts and

The more moderate forces in Iran are not necessarily pro-Western, nor indeed are they any less devoted to the principles of Islam than the mullahs. The Western powers, moreover, are not likely to resume arms sales to Iran, at least not in the immediate future. The West has no desire to fuel further the flames of war, and in any case would not wish to antagonize Iraq, which has been following a

neutral if not pro-Western line. At the same time, the unfreezing of Iranian assets will enable Iran to buy arms on the world market. An improvement in its trading relations with the West could help the economy back on to its feet in a general way. The result would be an increasingly consolidated, better-armed Iran. willing and able to reassert itself as a regional power. The Reagan Administration, for its part, looks set to increase the American military presence in the Gulf region, and will find this easier to achieve if Iran is more friendly, or at least less

Not surprisingly, the states of the Gulf—including Saudi Arabia
—are 'apprehensive. They are
not averse to the idea of American protection against Sovier encroachment. But they do object to anything likely to provoke Russia, or raise the level of existing local conflicts. The prospect of a renascent radical Iran is, from this point of view, far from comforting.

This prospect seems likely to dominate the forthcoming Islamic summit at Tair, in Saudi Arabia. Ostensibly the summit

will be dealing with the Palestinian question, and the impor-tance of Jerusalem as a Muslim holy place. In fact, however, the Gulf War is by far the most pressing issue facing the Islamic and Arab worlds. It has caused innumerable splits and dissensions, and will dominate discussion in the corridors if not in the conference hall.

It is possible that attitudes to the Gulf War will harden at Taif. On the other hand, the Islamic nations have an opportunity to urge Iran and Iraq to come to terms before the fighting—at present bogged down in winter conditions-flares up again, perhaps with a more aggressive and confident Iran taking the offensive. The Iranians, it is true, have refused to send a high-level delegation to Tail, on the ground that the Iraqi President, Saddam Husain, will be there. But it seems likely that Iran will he represented, and an Islamic delegation has gone to Tehran to urge the Iranians to attend. ...

If a more coherent and selfassertive regime does emerge in Tehran, it might be tempted to try to turn the tables on Iraq altogether. But it might equally be rational enough, and feel confident enough, to negotiate. The meeting at Taif is an occasion for the Islamic nations, who have been in the forefront of mediation attempts since the outbreak of hostilities, to renew their efforts to resolve a conflict which is damaging both sides and putting at risk the stability of the region as a whole.

RINGMASTER OF THE PHILIPPINES

President (and Prime Minister) Marcos of the Philippines has ruled already for fifteen yearstwo spells as an elected president and a further eight years under martial law. He has now put an end to the martial law while jauntily proposing that elections should be held in 1984, at which time he and his no less politically skilled wife might hope to present themselves for yet another extension of their national management. It is hardly surprising that those opposition leaders willing to offer their opinions agree that so long a spell of martial law makes a poor soil in which SUCCESSORS CAR EFOW.

What President Marcos is trying to do is to brush up his own and his country's image. The air of urgency and determination that could attach itself to martial law back in the sixties had lost all its gloss during the seventies. Under President Carter's rule relations with the United States slipped downhill-given the Philippines' tally of political prisoners. Even among the fellow-

members of the Asean group of

Decline of the otter

From Sir Christopher Lever Sir, Since I am mentioned by name as one of the otter's "staunchest protectors" by Mr Alan Hamilton n his note "Hounds off" (London Diary, December 21, referred to by Mr Vincent Vieir in his letter of December 19 under the above heading, may I be allowed to make my own position on the subject clear? Reports issued in 1977 and 1979 by the Joint Otter Group (formed by the Nature Conservancy Council and the Society for the Promotion of Nature Conservation), to which Mr Weir contributed, point out that "in the six years following the onset of the decline [of the otter], from 1958 to 1963. Il hunts were active and they killed a total of Wild Plants Act, 1975. Mr Weir's

dent Marcos's political style stood out. The rest were making some kind of progress towards stable if not always democratic government; the Philippines was making none at all. President Marcos was much too blatant a ringmaster. Add to this the judgments of such an impartial body as the World Bank, more than raising its eyebrows when weighing the country's political and economic stability, and not least the arrival in February, at the invitation of the country's Roman Catholic hierarchy, of Pope John Paul II, and one can see why the soiled cover of martial law needs to be removed. Even at that the reinstatement

of habeas corpus has not been effected. Rebellion, subversion, conspiracy and the like all still serve to catch any kind of political activity inimical to President Marcos and the military and commercial bene-ficiaries of his continued power. Like serious counter-revolution in China the crime is in the eye of the beholder. Besides which, a Public Safety Act, decreed last September but only now

1,065 otters . . at a time when the population was rapidly declin-ing and probably breeding with reduced success ... Although, as Mr Weir says, the

killing of otters by hunting in England and Wales was voluntarily suspended (in 1967), hunting itself continued, hounds being called off

before a kill could be made. The Joint Otter Group pointed out that

it is open to argument whether

it is practicable to hunt without killing offers and, in any event, any reduction in disturbance from hunt-

ing can only be of benefit to the otter... it would be preferable for hunting to cease. Otter-hunting was not finally abandoned until

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south-east Asian countries Presi- divulged, and a National Security Act buttress the President's power handsomely eaough against any threat that might power

How successful has President Marcos's rule been, it might be asked, to earn him so long a tenure? Given the backing of American-investment and the provision of roads and electricity in the countryside, the conjuror's skills and patter of the Marcos partnership serve well enough to point to public acceptance of their rule. It is the expanding urban middle class that has begun to tire of their rulers. Seeking some way out of the impasse they must be well aware that in the fifteen years of Marcos rule the Philippines has made no measurable progress in its political evolution. The promise of elections in 1984 has been sceptically received. The President's only effective rival, Senator Benigno Aquino, is now in American exile after eight years in prison. There seems 10 be no alternative in sight to more of the same just about tolerable dictatorship, whatever its political label.

suggestion that "prior to the animal being protected by law ...
they fotter hunters; realized ...
that disturbances of any kind to a
species whose numbers had sunk to such a low ebb could lead 19 extinction" is, therefore, somewhat misleading.

To this extent I consider that otter-hunting did play a contribu-tory role in the animal's decline; to claim, however, as Mr Hamilton does that "hunting has been one of the main causes of the animal's demise" is, as M. Weir rightly implies, both misleading and untrue. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER LEVER. Rye Mead House, Winkfield

Windsor Forest,

Berkshire.

Dei in Britain which appears in today's edition (January 14). The statement makes no reference to the alleged dangers to which adolescents are exposed or to their adolescents are exposed or to their being permitted/encouraged to use instruments of morrification. This must be a cause of considerable worry to parents who have an adolescent placed in the care of Opus Del, or who are considering doing so in the near future. I'referin particular to Lakefield Education Centre which areasts. Centre which accepts young adolescent girls for training in domestic science in a loco parentis position of trust

Despite repeated representations since the onset of my daughter's training in domestic science at Lakefield and 'subsequently, over' a period of approximately six years, Lakefield and Dawliffe Hall have placed obstatles in the way of hercoming home to spend time with her family and seeing her friends use family and seeing her friends out-side Opus Del. Excepted are a few, usually accompanied visits of scretal hours' duration. Since she has remained without a break-despite repeated entreaties—in houses controlled by the women's section of Opus Dei I do not feel that she has had the best opportunity of testing her vocation, ie,

Hillcote, 69 Petersfield Road,

Nationality proposals From Mr G. C. S. Curtis

Sir, I write as a representative of the many thousands of Britons whom the British Nationality Art 1948 deprived of what they had supposed was their inalienable right

of transmitting their British nationality to their lawfully begot-ten children:
My father served in the Indian My tather served in the Indian Civil Service; I was born in Indian I followed my father in the ICS and my children were born in India: The Act deprived my children of their father's nationality. According to the Act two of them were Indians and three Pakistanis. A clause in the Act enabled me to register them as British citizens. But this does not make them British citizens by not make them British citizens by birth. This has always seemed to me to be a strange way of reward-ing overseas servants of the Crown.

I now await the birth of a grandthild whose father (my sont is working (not for the Crownt in Hongkong, The child will be of unbroken British descent and I contend that his or her status as a British citizen should not be dependent upon the whim of a polincian. For a nation which lives by exporting goods and services, this seems an odd way of encouraging Britons to help to do just this. It is, as Alice remarked, "Curiouser and Curiouser."

of the part which Britons have played overseas, can do better than Yours faithfully. GERALD CURTIS, Howses, Great Sampford, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Fresh look at milk From Mr Simon Allen

Sir, Hugh Clayton today (January 19) reports on the efforts to stem the decline of milk consumption, I believe I have an answer.

Last weekend my wife and I were driving through Devon when we saw a farm advertising fresh milk and eggs, just outside Salcombe

After making our purchases we travelled on to Lyme Regis, but before we got there we had already drunk a gint of the milk. I found myself bewildered at the superb taste and texture of the milk. The farm had been both tuberculin and farm had been both tuberculin and brucellosis tested, the milk had been filtered and cooled only.

If someone could sell me that milk in London, my consumption of milk would not decline; and to blazes with the EEC regulations as to how milk should be processed.

Yours sincerely.

Yours sincerely.
SIMON ALLEN.
61 Elsham Road.
Holland Park, W14. Surely the Tory Party, which traditionally has always been aware January 19.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How Labour will decide its future

From Mr Patrick Davies Sir, My old friend Marthew Oakeshort really ought to declare his interest when he writes to you (letter, January 20) as "a member of the Labour Party for 18 years." He fails to tell your readers that he spent a period of time as a paid personal assistant to Roy Jenkins, and remains closely involved with the anti-party intrigues of Jenkins and his allies.

and his allies.
I will, however, declare my interest: I am secretary of our constituency Labour Party, have stood nine times as a Labour candidate in local government elections in the past eight years, and am now a city councillor. According to Matthew Oakeshott,

"a clear issue of principle is whether trade union block votes, swayed by members of other political parties be they Consertatives or Communists, are to join in the election of the leader", Why in the election of the leader", Why does the question of the trade union block vote only become "a clear issue of principle" when the party leadership is being considered, and the majority of trade unions bave adopted policies with which Matthew Oakeshott does not agree? Why does Dr Owen suddenly become an enthusiast for a postal ballot of all party members when up to now he and his right-wing colleagues have sought to preserve an elitist parliamentary control over the leadership?

the leadership?

the leadership?
At present party members in our constituency have no say whatever in the election of the party leader, and since we do not have a Labour.
MP we cannot even pur out views to a parliamentary representative.

Under the electoral college solution every party member in every Under the electoral college solution every party member in every constituency will have a vote in the election of the party leader in the following way. Every constituency will elect its delegate/s to the electoral college, and if the general committee so wishes it can mandate its delegate to the electoral college. In turn every party member is entitled to attend a branch meeting at which that branch's delegates to the general committee can be to the general committee can be mandated according to the views of the branch members. Every party member will therefore have a vote in the selection of a leader, once on electoral college is established. an electoral college is established. What no doubt upsets David Owen and Matthew Oakeshott is the prospect that party members will vote after an informed and rational discussion at a branch meeting.
They would obviously prefer voting:
to take place on the basis of the
likely coverage in the Tory press,
such as the hysterical commentary which Bernard Levin already pro-vides in your columns on trade

union elections... I suggest that Matthew Oake-I suggest that Matthew Oakeshort's concluding reference to
many of us with a long and active
record in the Labour Party is
wishful thinking. I can safely
predict that not one member of the
Winchester Labour Party with a
long and active record has eny
intention of joining Jenkins's folly.
Yours faithfully,
PATRICK DAVIES. PATRICK DAVIES, 74 Canon Street, Winchester, Hampshire.

Role of Opus Dei

From Mr V. A. Weston

Sir. I refer to The Times's profile on Opus Dei (January, 12) and the statement of the Secretariat of Opus

From Sir John Colville ...

From Dr A. H. Hermann of her husband's creed were liberty and democracy, and that the third, crucial strand was equality. I do Denning the Master of the Rolls, should retire contained in Mr. Francis Bennion's letter (January not believe that liberty and equality

ever have been, or ever will be, compatible The French revolutionaries. preached both. In three years liberty was extinguished and in ten there was no more thought of equality. was no more rhought of equality. The American revolution established liberty, but a highly comparitive society did no mere than pay lip service to equality. The Russian revolution crushed liberty and installed a hierarchy immune to equality. The British have long been tree, but never equal or particularly anxious to be so. I believe that for about eighteen months in the 1530s.

Before declaring ourselves either Social Democratic Socialists, we should do well to consider whether people, given a free choice, will ever subordinate their ambitions, or the advancement of their children to a concept which their children, to a concept which appeals to idealists but not; alas, to human nature. Let us concentrate on frateriors on fraternity.
I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN COLVILLE,
The Close,
Broughton,
Stockholden

the Anabaptists of Munster did practise both, but they were quickly

From Dr Brian Harrison

From Dr Brian Harrison
Sir, In discussing the prospects for
a new centre grouping in British
party politics, you argue today
(January 19) that although party
splits have been insignificant since
1945, major party realisaments splits have been insignificant since; 1945, major party realignments have occurred at earlier periods in British history. Yet the four divisive issues which you cite—"the taxou core, the union with Ireland, tariff reform, coalition"—all produced splinter groups which were rapidly, absorbed into a restored—

two-party system.

Present day centrists hope for a permanent destruction of the twoparty system, of course, by intro-ducing some form of proportional representation. Yet some of the many drawbacks of such an improbable development have been advertised by none other than Roy Jenkins himself, in a speech which you reported on March 10, 1973. He then denied that such a grouping would have any coherent philosophical base. A harry based on such would have any coherent philosophical base. A party based on such a rag-bag could stand for nothing positive. It would exploit grievances and fail, apart when it sought to remedy them. He said he opposed any strategy for driving the Labour Party's left out of the mainstream of British polities as likely to increase alienation and confrontation. It would be designed to remove from a large and significant section. from a large and significant section of the nation both the discipline and the benefits of participation in a governing party. It would increase and not diminish the divisions in our society."

All this seemed good sense to me at the time; it seems good sense to me still, but Mr. Jenkins (whose overall political outlook, incident-ally, I share) seems to have changed his mind. I wonder why? Yours faithfully. BRIAN HARRISON,

From Sir John Coloille

Sir, Mrs Anthony Crosland says Oxford.

(letter, January 19) that two strands January 19.

had the chance to think for herself without the constant supervision of the women's section.

I respect the regional counsellor of Opus Dei. the Very Reverend Philip Sherrington, MSc, STD, who is responsible for the conduct of Opus Dei in this country. He has On a number of occasions reassured me that my fears and reservations were unfounded. Your profile would reem to contradict these reassurances and there does seem to be a total breakdown of effective authority between the regional counsellor and the women's section of Opus Dei.

of Opus Dei.
As a committed Roman Catholic As a committed Roman Catholic, and a well wisher of Opus Del. I am shocked by the alarming portrayal of Opus Del in Clifford Longley and Dan van der Vat's article However I am not alrogether surprised, based on my direct experience of the women's section. The association has had a traumatic effect on various branches of my The association has had a traumatic effect on various branches of my family. I hope that your timely disclosures may be instrumental in providing Opus Del with an opportunity of clarifying various points about their organization and applying providing their organization and applying their providing the providing the providing their providing the providing the providing the provided the providing the provi ing remedies where these are indicated,
Yours faithfully,

V. A. WESTON, Midhurst. West Sussex January 14.

The Aelfgyva mystery

From Mr E. L. Harison.

Sir, Gabriel Ronay (January 19) has no need to appeal to a gap in the text caused by a supposed perishing of the fabric of the Bayeux tapestry in order to demolish Dr McNulty's thesis, though I have little doubt he has himself misunderstood the Lain. The omission of the verb "to be" is typical of Lain in all periods, and here especially to be expected, when it is understood twice over, and to include it would involve so much unnecessary stitching. "Ubi [est] unus clericus et Aelfstya [est]" surely means "where there is a priest there you will find Aelfgyva us well?. The writer is attributing to the lady a characteristic not entirely unknown in the present day. School of Classics,

The University of Leeds,
Leeds,
January 19, From Mr E. L. Harrison

January 19.

Way ahead in Ireland

From Mr J. Enoch Powell Mr for Down South (Official Unionist) ind been both tuberculin and this tested, the milk had lered and cooled only.

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I Park, W14.

Down, South (Official Unionist) the first sinister intimation of a south cooled only.

Clanuary 20) if devolution might rational amalgamation of our two not become Ulster's "best guarantee seats of learning? Scholars of Oxford take heed. Your days on the institutions with the Republic of banks of the Isis may be numbered. I reland." The answer needs neither yours fainfully, argument nor conjecture It is writ R. P. WHEASTER.

Lam Road.

I ENOCH POWELL.

House of Commons.

January 20.

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Sitting in judgment on Lord Denning ability of the possible meanings of

From Dr A. H. Herman.

Sic, The recommendation that Lord the law.

Much of the present uncertainty

Much of the present uncertainty and impredictability would dis-appear if the Law Commission was Francis Bennion's letter (January 20), will be regretted, not only by most of those who like Mr. Bennion hold Lord Denning in the highest esteem and affection, but also by those who are concerned about the future development of the English legal extram given a greater chance to see its law reform proposals adopted. But as long as that is not done we have only Lord Denning and like-minded judges to preserve us from legal chaos. May be live and dispense law matil 180.

Yours sincerely,
A. H. HERMANN,
14 Fawley Road, NW6.
January 20.

From Mr Martin Weston Sir, Doubtless Lord Denning has no need of an admirer as humble as myself to defend him from such imperimence as Mr Bennion shaws

impertmence as Mr Bennion snows in his letter inviting Lord Denning's resignation (January 20).

Mr Bennion does not even tell us why the extent to which the Court of Appeal's decisions are upheld on appeal to the House of Lords should be a measure of its efficiency (let alone of his President's efficiency).

Not does he indicate what he means Nor does he indicate what he means by the normal ratio (apparently he by the normal ratio (apparently in regards it as normal that it should be only 50 per cent efficient by his own criterion). Does he imply before or after Lord Denning's assumption of the office of Master of the Rolls in 1962 or more

ecently?" But in any case who is Mr Bennion, pray to give unsolicited advice in such public fashion to nossibly the most distinguished living Englishman on relinquishing his affice when " health and vigour and intelligence still by God's blessing remain to "[him], apparently uninspaced by lapse of years ? If in these happy circumstances Lotal Denning, unlike Lord Brampton, chaoses not to take rest and repose chooses not to take rest and repose but to remain active, and by lay may do so, what business is it of the lay may do so, what business is it of the lay may do so, anybody else's? I am surprised Sir that you should see fat to publish Mr. Bemount's letter even after apparently reflecting on it for a formight before doing so, especially as the gentleman in question, writes no you nather frequently.

Yours Eschaftally, MARTEN WESTON.

MARTIN WESTON, Cornwell House, St German's Road, Exeter.

Power of civil defence

legal system.

Mr Bennion seems to suggest that

Mr Bennion seems to suggest that English law would become more certain by the disappearance of Lord Denning from the scene. He supports this by stating that the House of Lords reverses Court of Appeal judgments in which Lord Denning was in the majority much more frequently than other Court of Appeal decisions.

The difference between the House of Lords and Lord Denning Is, if I may venture to simplify the issue, that while the Law Lords more often stick to the letter of the law, Lord

stick to the letter of the law, Lord

Deming offen emphasizes the deed to construct statutes, contracts and wills according to the intention of those who made them. The literal method of interpretation is based, of course, on the totally unrealistic assumption that the drafters of the

statutes, contracts and wills could and did foresee all possible future

do Lord Denning's method of inter-pretation provides for greater car-tainty and predictability of law. It

is not a method invented by Lord Denning, but one which has been used since time immemorial by most legal systems of the western would

and which is favoured by an increas-

and which is favoured by an increasing number of British lawyers May I also point out that structure of the disagreements between the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords? The most spectacular defeats of Lord Denning

and his brethren concerned trade

is considered wight by the migliority does not sleave exist. Some of the reversals were introduced with the

Law Lords expression of regret. Nor did they differ from Lord

Denuing primarily in the matter of interpretation, as Mr Bennion well

knows. They do pay regard to the "intent of the Act." The main difference appeared to be in the assessment of the political accept-

union and other cases where the possibility of enforcement of what

From General Sir David Fraser Sir. In cricicing the civil defence programme, whose claims they describe as "spurious" Professor. Humphrey and Dr Fielding. (January 15) show remarkable confidence that they know what form any attack on this country might take. Writing from the standpoint of believer in unilateral nuclear disarmament they assert: "The claim of the civil defence programme to minigate death and destruction in a nuclear attack is a dangerous sedative." Their point presumably, is that all defensive action is useless and that therefore, invulnerability can only be songificationed in potence.

How do they know? They don't know the nature of possible attacks on this country. They don't know the targets, nor how many—or few—might be subject to a selective Sir, In criticizing the civil defence

might be subject to a selective strike. They don't know the weapon yields which would be employed and which crucially affect damage and casualties. They don't know whether conventional raiding, albeit

under threat of nuclear action might be undertaken by sn enemy—perhaps alone. None of these things do they—or anybody riese things do they or anymory else know.

Talk about the foresceable medical consequences of suctearwar, and of acceptance of policies with such consequences is to use the language of scientific certainty in the interest of emotional research.

reasoning based on questionable assumptions.

What most of us do know is that some defence and some protection may be better than none and in some circumstances a great deal better than none. Most of us also better than none of schools that the source of schools and the source of schools are sourced to the source of schools and the source of schools are sourced to the source of schools and the source of schools are sourced to the schools are schools are sourced to the schools are sch know that the sort of frightful attack here discussed is a great deal less likely to be undertaken against us, or threatened as a weapon of pressure, if certain retails ion can be inflicted.

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reasoning based on questionable

DAVID FRASER Vailenders Isington, January 15 Hampshire.

Plans for Cornish woods

From Mr J. C. Green

Sir, Many of your readers will have been disturbed by Commander Rawnsley's letter (January 14). I hope that you will give me space to allay fears.

On December 29 you published a Proof about Calamata

report about Calamantac Wood. In that report I explained to your renorter how few of those who are critical of my plans have examined them, Commander Rawnsley appears to fall into this category. May I please make clear the following points:—

please made replacing points.

1. I have no intention of replacing the pakwoods at Calamansac which incidentally according to Dr. G. L. Peterken originated in about 1800 and was as Commander Rawnsley. and not, as Commander Rawnsley thinks, just after the Ice Age. 2. I have no intention of planting

stands of conifers or substituting conifers for deciduous growth.

3. After consultation with the CPRE (Council for the Preservation of Rural England), Nature Conservancy, the Cornwall Naturalist vancy, the Cornwall Natural Trust, the Forestry Commission and

other interested bodies, I have put forward a management plan to the District and County Council and to the Department of the Environment. This plan, now happily approved with only minor reservations by the County Council Planning Committee and by well-informed neighbours, is designed to conserve Calamansac and its wood with key regard for its appearance from the river. The task covered stones will remain up.

appearance from the river. The oak covered slopes will remain unthanged, save where replanting becomes necessary through natural wastage, where I will replant with sestile oak.

4. Contrary to the impression given by Commander Rawnsley, the National Trust, which owns substantial property on the other side of the river, has carefully investigated my, proposals and considers that they represent the right approach to caring for these woods. Yours truly, J. C. GREEN,

Calamanac,
Porth Navas,
Faknouth,
Cornwall: January 20.

The spirit of rugby From Mr. G. A. Turner

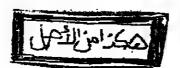
Sir, Wales scored the vital points to beat England nor by rugby ability but by the stratagem of a feint designed to trap, their opponents into an offence pumishable by a penalty. Though patently unsporting, this seems to be a practice of growing frequency. growing frequency.

I do not recall such tacrics anywhere at the top (or other) level-when I was last playing in the 1940an. Why must today's leaders in the greatest winter sport of all resort to such a cunical ploy to score their points?

Yours faithfully, TONY: TURNER, Brockholf, Tyrrells Woolf, Leatherhead, Surrey, January 18.

Crossing our Oxbridges From Dr R. P. Whimster.

Sir, One of our suppliers has just presented an invoice addressed to the, "Committee for Aerial Photo-graphy, Oxford University, Cam-bridge". A mere computer error, or





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YORK HOUSE.

ST JAMES'S PALACE.

January 21: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited Quantel Limited at Newbury and Electro-Medical Supplies (Greenham) Limited at Wantage.

His Royai Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Mark Bullough.

The Duke of Keut this evening received Shalkh Abdullah Bin Khailfa Al Thani of the State of Qatar.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE January 21: Princess Alexandra, a Governor of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, this afternoon visited the Jubitee Project Exhibition at the King's Fund Centre, NW1, and met representatives from the ten London hospitals in the project.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance. was in attendance,

The Duke of Kent will open the Public Works Congress and Exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, on February 23.

Birthdays today

Miss Mary Hayley Bell, 67; Viscount Blakenham, 70; Vice-Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson, 56; Sir John Cotton, 72; Sir Charles Davis, 72; Mr J. H. Doggart, 81; Lord Hughes, 70; Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace Kyle, 71; Baroness Lockwood, 57; Vice-Admiral Sir Lancelot Pelle, 76; Dr Denis Rebbeck, 67; Sir Graham Wilkins, 57.



president: Dr Valerie Pearl, aged 54; professor in the history of London at University College London, who has been elected president of New Hall, Cambridge, in succession to Dame Rosemary Murray, who retires at the end of this year after 26 years in office. Dame Rosemary was a founder mem-her of the college, which has so far resisted the trend of Oxbridge colleges to go coeducational. She became New Hall's first president in 1954, and in first president in 1934, and in 1975 was elected the first female vice-chancellor of Cambridge University. Professor Pearl, who is married, with one daughter, was educated as Anne's, Oxford, and held re-Somerville before moving to and are subject to many pressures from Colonel Nasser's regime. . . .

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Luncheons

Anglo-Spanish Society Anglo-Spanish Society
The Anglo-Spanish Society held
their annual luncheon at the Cafe
Royal yesterday. Sir John Russell,
chairman of the society, presided
and Professor Hugh Thomas was
the guest speaker. The Spanish
Ambassador, president of the
society, was among others
present.

Company of Watermen and Lightermen of the River Thames
The court of the Company of
Watermen and Lightermen of the
River Thames gave a luncheon at
Watermen's Hall yesterday. The
Master, Mr S. E. A. Spong,
presided. Others present included
the Semor Warden. Mr C. P.
Braithwaite; Junior Wardens. Mr
R. J. Coe, Mr A. C. ClarkKennedy and Mr D. J. Piper; Mr
M. Tolt and Mr F. E. Clearly. Lightermen of the River Thames

Durham University Professor F. G. T. Holliday, Vice-Chancellor and Warden of Durham University, gave a luncheon in Durham Cestle yesterday for Dr Mansour Al-Turkl, President of Riyadh University.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. S. B. Reid and Lady Laura Meade
The engagement is announced between Scott. son of Mr and Mrs Howard A. Reid. of Bronxville, New York, and Laura, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Clanwilliam, Rainscombe Park, Oare, Mariborough, Wiltshire.

Mr S. D. Allen
and Miss E. J. Y. Sharples
The engagement is announced
between Simon, younger son of
the late Mr P. F. R. Allen and of
Mrs F. W. Allen, of Purley,
Surrey, and Erica, elder daughter
of Mr and Mrs J. Y. Sharples, of
Caterham, Surrey.

Colonef B. N. L. Ditmas
and Mrs N. F. B. Shaw
The engagement is announced
between Basil Ditmas, OBE, and
Mary, widow of Colonei N. F. B.
Shaw, of Odell Lodge, Odell,
Bedford.

Mr J. Higgs
and Miss J. A. Ardagh
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Mr Barton
Higgs, of Waltham St Lawrence,
Berkshire, and Jillian, daughter of
Mr and Mrs Denis Ardagh, of
Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex.

Mr M. H. Ridley and Miss C. F. R. Boiton and Miss C. F. R. Bolton
The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Backwell, Bristol, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Sproule Bolton, of Camber, Rye, Eam

25 years ago From The Times of Saturday, January 21, 1956

Pressures on Libya The journey King Idris of Libya has made to Derna from Bengbazi (where he normally lives) to open the new Libyan Parliament (which usually meets in Tripoil) today epitomizes the main obstacle to Libya's efforts to develop a close-knit state. The distances it covers knit state. The distances it covers are vast, the communicatious poor; the differences between the moderately sophisticated society of Tripoli or Benghazi and the surrounding desert are immense. The state was formed in 1931 from the two former Italian provinces of Cyrenalcs and Tripolitania administered by a British civil authority since 1943—and the Ferzan which France last August next. The long coastal strip provides all the country's trade and politics and all its intellectual activity. It was heavily colonized by Italian settlers during the occupation and about 40,600 Italians still live there. The Arab Inhabitants of the area have many links with Egypt

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within one amonth from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

Re: DYNAMIC POLYMERS (COM-POUNDS AND SERVICES) UTD. and The Companies Act, 1948 and The Companies Act. 1948

NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN, pursuant to Section 293 of the Committee Act. 1948. That a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held at 76 New Cavondish Street. Lindon, WIM 8AM on Tuesday, the 5rd day of February. 1981 at 2.15 o clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 224 and 225 of the said Act. Dated this 15th day of January, 1981. M. C. BLACH Director,

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Dated this 16th day of January. RONALD GEORGE STEVENS

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Pated this 16th day of January 1981. M. C. BLACH Director

The Times Special Reports.

All the subject matter on all the subjects that matter.

Dinners

British Medical Association Dr W. Keith Davidson, chairman of the Scottish Council of the British Medical Association, was BMA House, Edinburgh, yesterday, Mr Lionel Daiches was the guest of honour. Among those present

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company The Scientific Instrument Makers' The Scientific Instrument Makers' Company held a livery dinner at their hull last night. The Master, Mr R. H. Davies, and the Wardens, Mr S. S. Carliste and Mr C. R. Jennings, received the guests. The principal guest and speaker was Professor J. H. Horlock, Vice-Chancellor of the Open University.

Today's engagements Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, president, St John Opthalmic Hospital in Jerusalem, Ladles' Guild, attends meeting, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, Westmin-ster 11

Ster, 11.

Talks/Lectures: "Westminster Abbey", Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, 10; An introduction to Apsley House, Freda Taylor, Wellington Museum, Apsley House, Hyde Park Corner, 1.15; The political culture of Indian underdevelopment, Dr Thomas Pautham, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, Westminster, 5; Sculpture in Architecture, John Julius Norwich, North London Polytechnic, Holloway, 7

Exhibitions: One in Ten: the many faces of disability, new German photography, the word of Mike Beddington, Photographers Gallery, 5 and 3 Great Newport Street, Westminster, 11-7; Tapestries for the Nation, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10-530, Lunchtime music: Goldberg piano alks/Lectures: "Westminster

10-5.30.
Lunchtime music: Goldberg piano
Trio, St George's, Hanover
Square, Westminster, 1.10;
Anthony Halliday, piano, St
Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, London, 1.06
Memorial Service: Sir Kenneth
Bläckburne, Crypt Chapel, St
Paul's Cathedral, 11.30.

Senior RAF appointments

Royal Air Force
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King's College London The Council of King's College, London, has appointed the Rev Richard Harries, Vicar of Fulham (All Saints'), to be dean of the college. Mr Harries, who has held his present appointment since 1972, is well known as a writer and as a television and radio broadcaster on religious topics. He is also Vice-Chairman of Council of Christian Action.

Lady Eleanor Holles School

The Governors of the Cripplegata Schools Foundation announce that Miss B. M. Candy has been appointed headmistress, with effect from April, 1981, in succession to Miss M. C. Smalley.

Norman George, of Science Research Council: £23,600 to Miss M. C. Smalley.

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Church news

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to officiate in the diocese.
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Clare Finn restoring a recently discovered portrait by Haddon of Somerset Maugham.

Chinese coin collections fetch surprising prices

Sale Room Correspondent stamped upon them and distinguish the various issues.

Some prices paid for Chinese coins took Sotheby's by surprise yesterday. A group of 23 bronze early collections had come in for sale. One, formed in the 1840s by Sung dynasty (AD \$20 to 478) to issues by Ming Rebels sold for Forbes; and Staff Captain B. J. 1000 compared with an estimate of only \$70 to \$80. Another group of 26 coins covering a similar period reached \$290 compared with an estimate of \$40 to \$60.

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estimate of £40 to £60.

Sotheby's do not usually even bother to sell Chinese coinage. The trouble with it is that its appearance, a brass coin with a hole in the middle about the size of a 10p piece, remained virtually unchanged for about 2,000 years. Only the most evudite sinologues

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Latest wills

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Parsons, Mr Ian MacNaghtén, of Lewes, East Sussex, Chairman of Charto and Windus ... 1107,215
Pryke, Mr Norman George, of Sturmer, Essex, master butcher

At Christie's the first jewelry sale of the season totalled £215.865, with 7 per cent unsold.

University news

Grants

Another notable feature of the sale was the high prices paid by Australian for Australian coinage. An Australian George V florin minted (in London) in 1915 sold for £1,100 (estimate £500 to £700).

Science report

Botany: Lichens creep back

By the Staff of Nature
During the past few years visitors with time for close accruting insome of London's woodland areas may have been noticing a new sight. Some of the lichens not seen for many years have been creeping back to their former habitats, investing tree trunks with that strangely un-plant-like crust that develops from a partnership between alga and fungus. The reason for the renewed vigour has been the decline of air pollution. Certain lichens are particularly sensitive to air pollution, especially sulphur dioxide gas, and they have proved valuable as indicators of the extent of such pollution. In such cases the decline of lichen growth was the subject of scrutiny. For example, in 1970 a study within a lickilometre radius of Trafagar Square by Mr J. R. Laundon, of the British Museum (Natural History), revealed a loss of 129 species of lichens since 1800.

But as air became cleaner, signs began to appear in Germany, Sweden, and parts of northern England that some lichens were growing more successfully. Since

1960 sulphur dioxide has decreased by a half in Britain's urban areas, with London no exception, and at some stage lichens might be been presumed extinct there expected to have started to regain strength. But only isolated reports were available of improvements in London's lichens; and so Mr C. I. Rose, of Chelsea College, London University, and Dr D. L. Hawkesworth, of the Commonwealth Mycological Institute in Kew, have surveyed the lichen flora at 29 representative sites.

A close study of growing lichens is time consuming, and they restricted themselves to sites in the north and west of Greater London, surveying them between December, 1979, and February, 1980. Their study area stretched broadly from Westmiuster and Hampstead in the east to Northwood and Ruislip in the west. At each site they examined at least five trees, recording the abundance of each species of lichen on the surveying the decrease of sich site they examined at least five trees, recording the abundance of each species of lichen on the surveying the abundance of each species of lichen of the lichens within the past three to seven years.

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SIR HAROLD BLACK Former Northern Ireland civil servant

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entirely happy with the new attitude where it was possible for a Prime Minister of Northern Ireland to have a

civic reception in a Catholic,

and I regard what you are doing

most fortunate in my staff at Stormont Castle, and in no small way was this due to Harold's ability in keeping the office on an even keel during increasingly difficult times.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was his ability to calm down some Cabiner Ministers

Sir Harold Black, whose death several months later, he found, who were longing to return to at the age of 66 is announced, a very different annosphere the "good old days," when was for many years a respected and a very different set-up from there were no contacts with member of the Northega Ireland the one he had known before Catholics and no visits to Civil Service who had held I remember one day suggesting several important posts including that of Secretary to the Cabinet and Clerk of the Prival Council (1965-72) and Deputy Secretary, Northern Ireland Office, (1972-74). The son of Alexander Black,

rown and to be made welcome at a Catholic Church School. His he was born on April 9, 1914, reply was immediate: "My inherited views are irrelevant. and educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution. He married in 1940, Margarer Saxton and they had a son and a daughter. as inevitable and correct."

My first Cabinet Secretary,
Sir Cecil Bateman, had come a daughter. Lord O'Neill of the Maine Writes :

I would like to add a few lines about the sudden death of Sir Harold Black. He was the very best type of Civil Servant, quiet, efficient and restrained. Nevertheless, if he felt strongly about some problem he would not hesitate to put his case with force and He was Number 2 m the Cabinet Office before I became Prime Minister, and, when he

returned as Cabinet Secretary SIR ARTHUR HUTCHINSON

Governmens on its reorganiza-rion by Sir Winston Churchill, Hurchinson returned to the Home Office and was employed. Arthur Hutchinson, KBE, CB, CVG. Deputy Under-Secretary of State. Home Office, from 1948 to 1957, died on January 18. He was 84.
Arthur Sydney Hutchinson
was born on March 21, 1896,
the youngest son of Sir Sydney
Hutchinson, Director General of Hutchinson, Director General of Telegraphs in India He was educated at St. Paul's School and New College. Oxford, and held a commission in The Middlesex Regiment during the First World War, being wounded shorrly after he arrived in France. He entered the Home Office as a temporary Upper Division Clerk in 1919, and on passing the reconstruction examination of that year was assigned to that department. There he had as an Assistant Principal an ample share of work as Secretary of Committees, and while serving as Private Secretary to Sir John Anderson (later Lord Waver-Anderson (later Lord Waver-ley), he had the distinction of being posted to the Imperial Defence College for a year When he came back he was assigned to the staff of Sir John

assigned to the staff of Sir John Anderson who had at that time special duties with the Lord Privy Seal (Mr J. H. Thomas) toncerned with unemployment. Shortly after his return to the Home Office be was promoted to Principal, and in 1933 was appointed Private Secretary to the Secretary of State. This post he held for the unusually, long period of seven years, under a succession of Home Secretaries, until the outbreak

of war.

National Fire Service into the present local authority service. With the demise of the Ministra try of Home Security be also became responsible for the planning and organization of stateless and victims of oppres-Civil Defence. He gave up this sion. latter function after his pro-motion, in 1948 to be Deputy heard a plane note struck; how, Permanent Under Secretary of State. He retired in 1956 and in 1959 was appointed a trustee of the Imperial War Museum.

the Imperial War Museum.

As a young man Arthur Hutchinson was regarded as one of the most promising of the post war civil servants and his long and varied experience as a Private Secretary and his term at the Imperial Defence College, coupled with great poise and powers of leadership seemed to mark him out for the great departments. That such an appointment did not falt his way may well be due such an appointment did not fall his way may well be due to his constitution, never robust, having been unduly taxed by overwork and an almost insupportable weight of responsibility during his time in the London Region.

He married in 1933 Charls, daughter of Christopher Bath.

in the same capacity with Sir daughter of Christopher Bath-Samuel Heare as Lord Privy Eate of Liverpool, There were Seal, and when Hoare left the no thildren of the marriage.

PROF WALTER HAGENBUCH

Professor Walter Hagenbuch Supply and Aircraft Production, OBE died suddenly at his home spending some time with the in Canterbury on January 14 British Air Mission in Washington In Cambridge he will be Economics at Manchester until

In Cambridge he will be Queens' College and University Lecturer in Economics until 1964 when he moved to Canter-bury as Professor of Economics and the first Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences in the University of Kent. There he remained uptil he retired in 1977

For over 20 years he was chairman of various wages councils and a deputy chairman of the Central Arbitration Committee when he died. His many other public responsibilities included the chairmanship of Cheshunt College, Cambridge, when it was still a Congregational institution, and of Kent College, Canterbury Walter Hagenbuch was born

on October 4, 1916 at Sale of Swiss parents long semied here. Educated at Manchester Grammar School and at the Ecole Superieure at Neuclistel, he University of Manchester in Scarf of Hudderstield who sure 1938. Front 1939 to 1945 he vives him with their son and served in the Ministries of deughter.

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MISS NAOMI WALLACE

Miss M. J. Percy. writes: know how to wait "... ir seems fitting, when so many 18 year old garls look as a matter of course to the law as a career, died at her home in Kensington, area 89.

women to be called to the Bar, died at her home in Kensington, aged 89.

Educated at Notting Hill (now Notting Hill and Ealing) High School, she read for the Medieval and Modern Languages Tripos and entered as a law student at the Middle Temple in 1920. Her father, George Wallace, KC, was one of the Members of the Bench who moved her call. The Daily News of November 18, 1922, reported of the group: "They all wore their black gowns, bands and wigs and the much discussed costume was in every eve remarkably becoming and dignified".

Sir Forrest Fulton gave a keen-minded approach to life News of November 18, 1922, between the women of all preported of the group: They all wore their black gowns, bands and wigs and the much discussed costume was in every eve remarkably becoming and dignified."

Sir Forrest Fulton gave a warm welcome to the ladies and encouraged them "to keep a stout heart and remember that most things come to those who

CHARLES DE TOLNAY

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Study at Princeton, becoming
an American citizen He became,
director of the Casa Buonarrori
in 1965.

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I well remember the Blacks coming down to lunch with us in 1969, about four months after had reired. As he was driv-ing away from the door I said "I suppose we now have semi-direct rule". "No", he replied, "he have Direct Rule." This was only shout four weeks after Jim Callachan had been forced to intervene, and troops had become deeply involved in Northern Ireland's affairs-Moreover; it was some two years before London actually imposed
Direct Rule—but the man who
was in daily telephonic contact
with Whitehall knew from with me on my first visit to Dublin to see Mr Lemass, but Harold was an enthusiastic fellow traveller on the second visit to see Mr Lynch.

I can 'truly say that I was most fortunate in my staff at Stortmont Castle and in me small. where the directions were com-

where the directions were to ining.
In recent years the Blacks
had enjoyed visiting their married daughter in Canada, and
last summer they had a particularly pleasant trip.
Harold will be missed in
Northern Ireland and our
thoughts today will be with
Pessy and her children.

HEPHZIBAH MENUHIN

A. G. D. writes

Hephribah Menuhin was
never a social worker in the
conventional sense. She shared
passionately the belief of her
husband, Richard Hauser, that on a variety of war-time duties conventional sense. She shared until he was selected to suc- passionately the belief of her ceed Sir Rarold Scott as Chief husband, Richard Hauser, that Administrative Officer of the the rejected the deprived the London Region of Civil exiled the bruised must be Defence. After the war he was helped and the homes which made an Assistant Under-Ser, she and Richard variously occu-retary of State-and carried pied-off Baker Street, Clap-through the dissolution of the ham Comen Bethnal Green and latterly Pimlico - became refuges for the priest who had lost his sense of vocation, the frostration of retirement, the stateless and victims of oppres-

heard a piano note struck : how, where or whether at all she practised before a performance was never clear. After prepar-ing food, none the less complex for it being normally vegetarian, for special guests and the family as well as for those working in the back room on one of Rich-ard's papers, she would sit quite literally at her husband's feet, sometimes as a faithful amanuensis, but making her own vital contribution to the discussion.
Then suddenly she was away to

Then suddenly she was away to Heathrow and some concert on the Continent which would froughtly include some flendishly difficult piece by Bartok.

Their home was always more than a refuge. It served too, as a resource centre, analyzing problems and needs with a piering clarity and originality of thought bringing about reconciliation between groups in Northern Ireland, combatting Northern Ireland, combatting poverty in India, inspiring offi-cers at Wandsworth Gaol to cers at Wandsworth Gaol to secrept resposibility for prisoners rehabilihation promoting self-kelp among ininority groups, opening new visions to nuns of what they might achieve, enthusing teachers with the response in social concern they could evoke from mic attainment. Above all, in her commitment to the cause of

subject to the claimant teaching and administrative needs of the unquenchable conviction that—new university he served with less a situation might be there was always something that anima naturaliter Christiana. In 1949 he married Irene others. Cod has tested them Scarf of Huddersfield, who survives him with their son, and found them worthy of himself words spoken during her daughter.

MR EMANUEL

CELLER Mr. Emanuel Celler, who served a half-century in the United States House of Representatives, died on January 15 in Brooklyn, New York. He was 92 was 92. His defeat in the 1972 Demo-

cratic primary by a political unknown, Elizabeth Holtzman-ended one of the longest political careers in the state's history. He became chairman of the

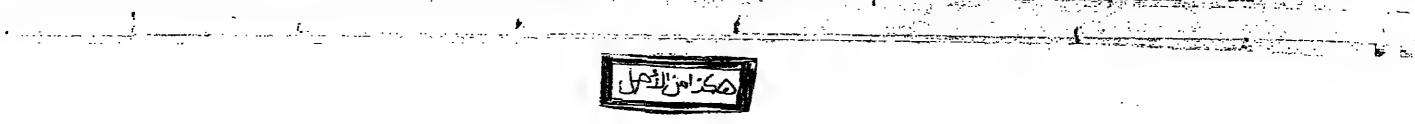
of University women. He became communities in 1949 magement of learning and aud except for the years when promotion of friendship Republicans controlled the ear the women of all Rouse held the post from then out on:

His committee handled civil-rights legislation in the period of major advances in that area. In 1957, he wrote and shep-herded into law the first comprehensive rights legislation enacted by Congress in 82

years.

He was the author of the more comprehensive 1960 Civil Rights Act and in February, 1964, he guided the passage for the Johnson administration of a

Mauri Rose, the American racing driver and three times winner of the Indianapolis 500 miles classic, died in a Detroit hospital on December 29 at the



A Valley of reams s closer to eality

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wers. Nearly £500,000 has mily been spent on ground derminton.

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auts pick whatehy for Cardif y at Orient last weekend has sed him immediate interional recognition. The Weish ager Mike England has picked in for the European youth impionship qualifying march ist leg) against the Republic of land at Swansea on Tuesday whary 10. The under-18 party ludes several players with ruary 10. The under-18 party ludes several players with gue experience, including athlel of Wrexham, Loveridge, to four Swansea City players, I the Braitol striker Williams. 'ARTY' Bander I Swansea', Harring-Cheslor', Evins (Arsani), Lewis vansea', Richarda (Swansea), thiel Wrexham, John Libertidges (Wan Utt., John Libertidges (Wan Utt., John Libertidges (Wan Ecc.) And City), Loveridge wansea', S. Jones (Wrexham, S. Wand), Sristol R., Roynolds Man d),

Only two are excluded from Forest surgery

By Norman Fox
Attractive though the possibility
that Liverpool could win the
League Cup, FA Cup, and the
European Cup this season may be,
another question that Saturday's
FA Cup, fourth round poses concerus the more immediate future
of Nottingham Forest. If they lose
to Manchester United at the City
Ground they will be in danger of
finishing a season without a trophy
for the first time since being promoted from the second division in
1977.

Their record in this period

Their record in this period shows that in 1977.78 they won the Championship and the Football League Cup; in 1978.79 they were European champions and retained the League Cup; and in 1979-50 they kept the European Cup and also reached the League Cup; final. The concentration of success is remarkable but highlights the need for Brian Clough and Peter Taylor to maintain Forest's interest in one of the competitions realistically left open to them this season. Already out of the European Cup and the League Cup, and with little chance of catching the three leaders in the first division, Forest's game on Saturday threatens to be a water, shed.

shed.

Forest arrive at this particularly important test in slightly better heart for the successful return of Francis but weaker than on the occasions of their past high days. Their low point came a week last Saturday when losing 2—0 at Ipswich. Their midfield had no means of answering the skills of Muhren and Thijssen and though Francis showed that his acceleration was vivid as ever, the attack had no equivalent of Ipswich's husky Brazil.

They have since allowed one of their most industrious and experienced players, Bowyer, to join Sunderland and this week seem to

Madeley severs

Revie's Leeds

Another link with Leeds United's triumphant era under Don Revie was severed yesterday when Paul Madeley, announced that he was retiring at the end of the season when his contract expires. During his 17 years with Leeds, Madeley has filled every position except goalkeeper and made 708 first team appearances. Now only Eddie Gray and Trevor Cherry remain of the old Don Revie team.

Madeley created a stir in 1970

Madeley, created a stir in 1970 when he said he did not want to go with the Eugland World Cop party to Mexico. After that he did not play for his country again,

Aberdeen have signed the Luton Town striker Andy Harrow for 165,000. Harrow moved to England only last October when Luton paid Raith £80,000 but he played only three first team games for them.

Birmingham City are still hope-ful that Frank Worthington will

sign a new one-year contract for

next season. The former England centre-forward had been expected

to join an American club. With

the exception of their injured defender, Mark Dennis, Birmingham expect to have a full-strength

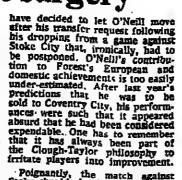
squad for their FA Cup tie at

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE:
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Dulwick 1. Representative match: The
Army 1. London University 1.

Coventry on Saturday.

Yesterday's results

a link with



firstate players into improvement.

Poignantly, the match against
Stoke should also have seen Burns
move from central defence to the
attack. If the midfield strength
is presently insufficient, again
necessitating a request for Franch
to drop back, the attack has not
worked smoothly with Wallace
and Ward. Indeed, Mr Taylor
admits that these two have not
yet proved their full value to the
team, but searches at home and
abroad have not fulfilled hopes
of achieving better finishing power
through the purchase of new
players.

The "surgery" that Mr Taylor has been promising is obviously needed and no doubt the gradual needed and no doubt the gradual selling of aging servants is an indication of rebuilding ahead. He says that only Shilton and Francis can consider themselves irrefutably members of future plans and it is probable at the end of this season that, among others, Lloyd, one of several players given a marvellous Indian summer at Forest, will move into management. Even McGovern, the most loyal of Mr Clough's dis-

Hull City, whose only away win in the past 41 league and cup games was against Blyth Spartans at Elland Road, look the complete outsiders in the FA Cup fourth round. But their manager, Mike Swith, has told his players that they are capable of surprising Tottenham Hompur.

He believes that although Hull

He believes that although Hull are bottom of the third division they are skillful enough to make a good impression at White Hart Lane and is more concerned that they match Spurs for effort.

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Bull's main weapon will be Keith Edwards, a speedy striker who has scored mine goals in the past 12 games and is keen to move into a higher division. They may find it hard to get the ball to Edwards as they lack consistency in midfield, despite the promise of McClaren. A shaky defence were in frequent trouble sgainst Blyth and Doncaster in the previous two rounds. To force a replay would be an achievement for Hull where league gates have slumped to below 3;500.

Two cup defeats for Enfield in

Two cup defeats for Enfield in three days have put their oppopents, Barusley, on their toes. Enfield were knocked out of the

Norman Hunter, the Barnsley

manager, is not taking too much notice of their current form and feels such results will make them all the more determined. Barusley are unbeaten in 19 league games and have reached the fourth round

Borough on Saturday and from ton at the Dell. the FA Trophy by Aylesbury on Monday.

Hull and Barnsley are not

deluded by differing tasks



Lloyd: an Indian summer coming to an end,

some have not forgiven the mana-gerial partnership for releasing Germill and Withe. Yet there was nothing out of character about those decisions. It was probably felt that Forest had extracted the

the opposition and Taylor always seemed to have the forgiven the mana-reservations about the available rising for releasing potential of Birtles and though in Withe. Yet there was the end they spoke of efforts to of character about keep him, the impression remains it was probably that they did not see him as one st had extracted the of their few indispensable players. Genmill and Withe. On Saturday he has the opportunity in the country to duestion their doubts.

South reforges a Bond to the north

John Bond, the Manchester City manager, has accepted the olive branch offered by Sir Arthur South, his old chairman at Norwich City. Mr Bond said yesterday: "So far as I am concerned, the hatchet is buried—there is no point in holding this grudge."

Over the weekend Sir Arthur, whose club, Norwich, meet Manchester City in Saturday's FA Cup fourth round tie at Maine Road, said he was ready to forget past differences.

Mr Bond added: "In the seven years we were together at Norwich

case be is peeded.

The Barnsley goalkeeper, Gary Pierre, will be out for a formight. His deputy will be Martin New, who lost his place after being injured in a cup game at Chester in November. Glavin, Barnsley's leading scorer, should be fit.

Tommy Booth returned to light training yesterday and could be fit to return for Manchester City in Saurday's te against Norwich City. He has missed the past six games with a thigh injury and is badly needed because of the suspension of Reid.

Alan Hansen, who had a minor knee operation 10 days ago, will not be ready for Liverpool. Heexpects to have the stitches removed today and will resume training next week. Everton, who are Liverpool's opponents, will be without Latchford (hamstring). Allan Clarke, the Leeds United manager is interested in Latchford but has been told to watt until Everton are out of the FA Cup.

Bristol Rovers are at the foot Air Bond added: "In the seven years we were together at Norwich he never did anything at any time that would harm me. All his enerties were to help me, but since I left he has tended to speak to too many people and accept their sovice. It might have been better if he had done what he had seen in his own mind to be right.

"I felt he was a bit too strong with his words when I left, but I am prepared to forgive and forget, am prepared to forgive and forget; life is too short to bear grudges."

Of Saturday's game, Mr Bond

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Of Saturday's game, Mr Bond sud: "I would hope he is not just saying these things because we are meeting on Saturday. I hope our triendship will be of much longer standing or hearden. there is no point in the matter at "I think Sir Arthur has got to

I munk sir Armur has got to accept that in life there are some situations you win and others you lose. Obviously he didn't like situations when he lost me and other valuable members of the Norwich backroom staff and he became upset about it." 17.30).

OTHER MATCH: Scunthorpe United v Sunderland (7.15).

HOCKEY! Womes's Territorial match: East v North (4t Poterborough Town HC 2.00).

Skiing Miss Hess

races to decisive victory

Crans Montana. Jan 21.—Erika Hess, of Switzeriand, decisively won a women's World Cup slaiom here today to go clear of Perrine Pelen, her. French rival, in this

Pelen, her. French rival, in this season's standings.

The two skiers were level after four slaloms when today's race began in bright randhine after days of swirling show and high winds. Miss Pelen had a line intermediate time in the first, 53-gate run, but she misjudged a night turn and wein the wrong side of one gate to go out of the contest.

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Miss Hess, 18, clocked the fastest time for the first run and only Christine Cooper, of the United States, was faster through the 35 gates of the second. Miss Hoss collected 25 points for winning and a homes of 20 more under a formula combining today's race with a downhill here two days ago.

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"I was not even thinking about the combination," she said later.
"Of course I am delighted with the result and hope the giant slalom tomorrow in Haute Nendaz goos just as well. I feel very confident at present and had no hesitation about trking risks where it seemed worthwhile." Miss Hess recorded her first World Cup win in a slalom last week in Schruns, Austra.

Austria, Marie-Therèse Nadig, of Switzer-land, again raced with a feverish temperature, but she funshed both temperature, but she finished both runs and, after her downhill victors on Monday, collected nine combination points to stay on top of the World Cup standings with 172. Miss Hess is now second with 150, followed by Fabicune Serrat, of France, with 123 and Miss Pelen with 114.

It was a good day for the American slalom team, for whom Miss Cooper took second place. Abby Fisher was fourth and Cindy Nelson, the team's veteran, was twelfth.

twelfth.

Hanni Wenzel, of Liechtenstein, the World Cup holder, was second after the opening run, but slipped to third. However, it was her best result of the season after being out of action until early this



Home run: Erika Hess winning at Crans Montana yesterday.

month because of a lex injury. She said she was relatively sansfied with the result after feeling she needed to ski aggressively to make up ground lost in Monday's downhill. "There is still a lot of the season left, but the going is tough", she said.

Doris de Agostini, another Swiss downhill specialist, did not take part today, but will race in tomorrow's glant slalom in search of valuable combination points. Christa Kinshofer, of West, Germany, a surprise third in Monday's downhill, came seventh today to score the maximum number of combination' points and take fifth place overall, with 105.

When form and style are the criteria for victory

Tignes, French Alps, Jan 21.—
Ingemar Stenmark, Phil Mahre, Marie-Thérèse Nadig—they could fail all the way down the hill and still win, as long as they went fast enough and tid not rules a gate. But in another World Cup, in freestyle skiling, form and style are the criteria for victory.

Starting in the United States in the early 1970s, and popularized by pretty, blonde American Olympian Sury Chaffee, freestyle skiling—ballet, hotdogging and serials—has grown into a milliondollar professional World Cup circuit, with 21 meetings in eight countries and recognized this year by the International Federation of Skiling, The stars in this sport are mainly American and Canadian, with the organizers making as many inroads as they can into Europe and Asia.

The freestyle skiling World Cup meeting here, starting today, is the third for Tignes. Among the competitors will be Bob Howard (men's world ballet champion in

petitors will be Bob Howard (men's world ballet champion in 1979 and 1980). Stephanic Sloan (1980 women's world combined champion) and Grea Athans (1980 men's combined and mogni champion). inen's combined pion).

In the ballet event, the skiers come down, in torn, a smooth, gently sloping bill and winle on short, specially designed skis.

music. They are scored on the difficulty and variety of their moves, how well the moves go with the music and how well they are done.

Hotdogging is an American term, meaning to ski fast and hard, no matter what the terrain. In the

matter what the terrain. In the mogul event, competitors race down a steep, bumpy hill going as fast and taking as much "air" (jumping off bumps) as they can. Scoring is based on speed, quality and number of turns and jumps.

Finally, the serial event, often the most spectacular and exciting of the three freestyle disciplines, takes place on a carefully manicured course of three jumps in sequence. The rhythm needed to go from jump to jump separates aerials from basic ski jumping and judges look at form, degree of difficulty and height and distance in scoring.

somersults, mochins flips (twist-ing) and 720 helicopters (rotating horizontally on two occasions before hitting the ground), once considered impossible, have beconsidered impossible, have become standard for the top ski aerialists.

How important is freestyle skiling? It completely revolutionized recreational skiling in the United States in the last decade.

For the record

Cycling

Ice hockey

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Miss Navratilova makes her point

Cincinnati (Onio), Jan 21.—
Martina Navratilova, the top seed, had little opposition in the opening round of the \$150,000 Avon Women's Championship of Cincinnati last night, beating Beth Herr, a 17-year-old local challenger, 6—1, 6—3. Miss Herr, the Onio High School girls champion, played through two preliminary marches and a first round to meet Miss Navratilova, and said before the match she would be happy to score a single point.

Virginia Wade, of Britain, the seventh seed, struggled to beat Peannt Louie, of San Francisco, 6—4, 3—6, 6—3 in the other evening match, and eighth-seeded Mima Jausovec, of Yugoslavia, was upset by Rosalyn Fairbank, of South Aftica, 7—5, 3—6, 6—3, during the afternoon.

Pam Shriver defeated Marita Redundo, a fellow American 6—2.

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Pam Shriver defeated Marita Redundo, a fellow American, 6—2, 6—1, in 35 minutes and Virginia Ruzici outlasted Betsy Negelsen, 4—6, 6—4, 6—1, Ann Kyomun, a four-time doubles title-holder on the Avon tour, in search of her first singles title, beat Pam Teeguarden, of Los Angeles, 6—3, 6—4. Scheduling conflicts created by

the International Tennis Federa-tion have placed the 1981 Phoenix tournament in jeopardy, a Women's Tennis Association official said yesterday. Jerry Diamond, the WTA execu-

tive vice president, said that when the International Tennis Federation moved the women's Federation Cup competition from summer to the autumn of 1981, two weeks were eliminated in the WTA's autumn tournament schedule. The autumn tournament schedule. The Phoenix tournament is scheduled for October 5 to 11.

"It meant that four weeks were left for six tournaments", said Mr Diamond. "What should 1 do? Go up to two tournament directors and say, "You're out of business?". In the eight years of WTA's existence, we've never arbitrarily cancelled a tourna-

Mr Diamond said that to ensure a proper field, he took four tournaments that he thought could handle a reduced draw well and scheduled them opposite each other in two time slots. Phoenix is one of those tournaments other in two time slots. Process is one of those tournaments.

The Phoenix Thunderbirds said they are discussing whether to stage the Phoenix event in the face of a 16-player draw instead of 32, a problem with WTA player commitment and competition with another WTA tournament.

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England pair return to help Oxford labour to victory

By Sydney Frisking
Oxford University 1 Teddington O
Oxford University and Teddington worked extremely hard on a
heavy hockey field at the Parks
yesterday but the yield unfortunately was poor—an early goal by
Tamer for Oxford and nothing

Cup. Cup. Series are at the foot of the second division, having conceded 48 goals. They have chosen

a raw young goalkeeper, 19 year-

Today's fixtures

nately was poor—an early goal by Tammer for Oxford and nothing more.

The three points earned by Oxford for their fourth win in thirteen matches lifted them from eighteenth to fifteenth position in the London League with a percentage of 41.03. Teddington, who at one time were in seventh place, dropped to seventienth with a percentage of 38.56.

Although Oxford had earned four points from the two matches, Westcott and Precious had missed, while on duty for England in Karachi, both players were conspicuous yesterday by their presence, it was Westcott who cleared the way, with his clever stick-work for Tanner to score in the twelfth minute, an earlier attempt by Oxford to convert a short corner having been well thwarted by the Teddington goal-keeper. Both goalkeepers, in fact, played well.

In a somewhat untidy match Teddington had as much chance of neutralizing the lead as Oxford of increasing it. Oxford, with their stronger midfield resources were more enterprising, Teddington

showing less enthusiasm to run for the ball. Despite a resolute performance by Key, as their tweeper and some strong hitting at the back by Barrett, Teddington did not look tough enough.

Teddington's best chance in the first half was lost in the 22nd minute when Archer, having hurled himself at a centre from the right, just failed to beat Haddock. From the long corner that followed, Kumleben deprived Manton of the ball at the point of shooting. In a liveler second half Teddington came close to a score in the tenth minute. Williams and Archer combined well to force a short corner from which Haddock saved a powerful shot by Barrett. At the other end, Key saved on the line from Gordon and thereafter the initiative rested with Oxford.

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Table tennis Withdrawal of

Czech raises hopes of Hilton

John Hilton's hopes of winning the Stiga Welsh open table tennis championships sponsored by Stiga were given a boost in Cardiff last night. The 33-year-old top seed for the men's singles, was expected to face the European No 6, Milan Orlowski of Czechoslovakia, in the quarter final round. But Orlowski, winner of the Welsh title two years ago and Hilton's conqueror in a European League match at Derby last week, will not now be playing in the event. He returned home after the league game, did not report with the Czech squad yesterday, because, according to a telegram, he was unwell he was unwell

Even though there are no
Chinese competing this year the
entry for the Welsh event is still
formidable

Boxing.

Buchanan back for British title

Ken Buchanan, the former world lightweight champton, is to fight again for a British title. Buchanan, aged 35, who came out of retirement last year and made an unsuccessful challenge for Charlie Nash's European title, is a contender for the light-welterweight championship. He meets Steve Early in a final eliminator in Birmingham next Monday and hopes to Early in a final eliminator in Birmingham next Monday and hopes to cearn the right to meet the champion, Clinton McKenzie.

Gordon Ferris and Billy Aird will fight for the vacant British heavyweight title in Birmingham on March 30, with the winner taking on either Neville Meade or Terry Minns, who are involved in a on either Neville Meade or Terry Mintus, who are involved in a final eliminator at Ebbw Valc Muhammad Ali said yesterday he might fight the British heavy-weight champion John L. Gardner in Tripoli, Bangkok, Manila or Peking. Ali, three times world heavyweight champion, said he was having a lot of fun reading newspaper reports about where the fight will take place. "I might not fight anyone at all", he said. The promotor Mickey Daff is trying to arrange a fight in late March or early April for the world light-middleweight champion, Maurice Hope. The proposed fight will be in the United States.

Defence for Benes Paris, Jan 21.—The European light-middleweight champion Marjan Benes of Yugoslavia will de-fend his title against Louis Acaries of France in Paris near the end of March.

Athletics HAMILTON, NZ; Mile: D. Moorcroff (GB). 3 min 52 4 sec: 5.000 metres 10. harris (US); 752-4; women's 100m hurdles; G. Rabsztyn (Poland). 13.56 tec.

Scotland indebted to Yule Richard Yule ave a magnificent Griffiths, back in the Welsh squad

Richard Yule ave a magnificent performance in taking Scotland to the third division championship of the European table tennis league at the National Sports Centre, Cardiff last night. Yule, the Joint Scottish No 1 from Aberdeen, won all his four matches as Scotland bear Wales 6—1 in the decidant class between two newcourters. ing clash between two previously unbeaten sides. The consolation for Wales how-

ever is that, in spite of their de-feat, they will also be promoted to the second division next season to fill vacancies that have already

Yule, who plays litle nowadays because he is concentrating on his physical education degree, won both singles against Amian Griffiths and David Wellsman. He also combined well with Keith Rodger and Carole Dalrymple to score two doubles successes. The only win for Wales came from their national champion

after a two years absence. He beat Rodger in straight games, the only loss Scotland suffered throughout their five matthes in the second division. They finished with a game aggregate of 34 to one. with a game aggregate of 34 to one.

The result was a pleasant reward for the non-playing Scctland captain Graham Davies—and yet it was tinged with regret for he was appointed the national coach of Scotland last November after more than 200 appearances for Wales since 1966. After his first official duty in charge of the Scotland side had tested his loyalties he said: "Obviously I don't like to see Wales lose but my priorities are with Scotland now".

RESULTS: Wales 6, Jercy 1: Scotland.

RESULTS: Weles 6, Jersey 1; Scots-land 7, Portugal 0; Guernsey 6, ten-land 1; Scotland 7, Guernsey 6, ten-5, Portugal 2; Jersey 5, Iceland 2; Scotland 6, Wales 1; Guernsey 4, Jersey 3; Portugal 7, Iceland 0, Final placinus; 1, Scotland 2, Wales; 3, Portugal; 4, Guernsey; 5, Jersey; 6, Finland.

The Illustrated

PRINCE CHARLES IN INDIA AND NEPAL

The Illustrated London News accompanied the Prince of Wales on his recent travels in India and Nepal. The February issue will contain a full pictorial record, in colour, of his journey.

Also in the February issue Andrew Moncur goes behind the scenes at Crufts **John Winton** reports on Hong Kong's refugee problem
Mitch Pryce
samples the ale of Britain's small brewers Philip Purser writes on Northamptonshire in the current series on

Britain's counties

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Motor racing

programme awaits FISA

Approval

Modena, Italy, Jan 21.—A provisional programme for the 1981 world formula one championship—a 15-race competition beginning in Long Beach, California, on March 15—was disclosed by a committee of formula one constructors here last night. It will be submitted for final approval to the governing body, FISA, at their meeting in Monte Carlo on January 30.

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ary 30.

The committee gave details of the programme after FISA and the constructors' association (FOCA) reached agreement at Ferrari's headquarters on Monday to stage a single world competition and end their prolonged dispute.

The championship schedule, arranged by a committee including representatives of Ferrari, Renault and Alfa Romeo, provides for a single grand prix in the United States, the traditional races in Monte Carlo, Madrid, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Monza and Montreal, and the new grand prix of San Marino at Imola on May 3. The United States East race at Watkins Glen has been dropped.

The South African grand prix The South African grand prix, which had been expected to be run at Kyalami by FOCA teams only on February 7, has been rescheduled for October 10 as the closing race of the championship. The provisional championship rogramme is:

March 15: United States West (Long Beach). March 29 : Brazil (Rio de Janeiro). April 12 : Argentina (Buenos

Aires.
May 3: San Marino (Imola).
May 17: Belgium (Zolder).
May 31: Monaco (Monte Carlo). may 51: Monaco (Monac Cano).
June 21: Spain (Jarama).
July 5: France (Dijon).
July 18: Britain (Silverstone).
August 2: Germany (Hocken-

August 16 : Austria (Zeltweg).
August 30 : Netherlands (Zandvoort). September 13: Italy (Monza).
September 27: Canada (Montreal).
October 10: South Africa (Kyalami),

Sports Council

Grant payments will be made in arrears

By Nicholas Keith

A sharp-eyed Sports Council auditor has spotted that their method of paying grants for coaching and administration offends government accounting principles. The quarterly payments are made in advance instead of in arrears.

So the Sports Council is changing to the correct system before they incur the wrath of some beetle-browed Treasury official. The change will begin on April 1 and will be carried out in stages, but the council are aware that some sports bodies might be , By Nicholas Keith

stages, but the council are aware that some sports bodies might be financially embarrassed, so special arrangements will be available. "We will find the kindest way possible of funding this", Dick Jeeps, the council chairman, said he mistake arose many years The mistake arose many page, ago, when there were few gald acoaches and administrators, and was inherited by the Sports Council. Now 400 people are effected by this grant, which last year amounted to £2.8m. The leaders in the beneficiaries' league table are the British Amateur Athletic Board (£102,000 last 'year); the rowing and table tennis associations (£80,000 each);

Cricket

Formula one Chappell ensures day is not a total waste

Sydney, Jan 21

It was just as well that nothing more than prize money was at stake in the concluding World Series Cup preliminary match at the Sydney Cricket Ground today between Australia and New Zealand, for a huge storm during the break for supper left it unfinished. At that point New Zealand, replying to an Australian total of 180, were 23 for one from eight overs, seven short of the minimum requirement before the application of the faster storing rate rule.

The end was unsatisfactory, but the day was not an entire waste

The end was insansiatory, but the day was not an entire waste for a sizable crowd, as it had seen a highly exciting inmings of 74 from Greg Chappell followed by a bizarre Australian collapse in which their last six wickets fell for just seven runs in as many

for just seven runs in as many overs.

No less dramatic was the start of the short New Zealand innings. The atmosphere was thick as the storm approached and the ball behaved in the most eccentric fashion, bouncing as extravagantly as it deviated. The first ball bowled by Walker, who was standing in for the injured Pascoe, virtually exploded; it did a fair impression of the Harrier jet and went over the head of first slip, the tall Chappell, for four byes. In Walker's second over it veered the other way, beat Marsh's desperate dive and went for four more byes to fine leg. Poor Walker, who had gone round the wicket to control the swing, was just as confounded as the batsmen. At least in part, the Australian At least in part, the Australian collapse could be attributed to their rush for runs to establish a their rush for runs to establish a high scoring rate since it was evident that, if there was to be a result, the winners would be the faster scorers. The need for haste was the greater because splendid bowling at the start of the imings by Hadlee and Charfield had restricted the scoring to 24 from the

first 13 overs. The bowlers who followed them were less demanding, and Border, who made 40, and Chappell put on \$8 for the second wicket from 17 overs.

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The gentle medium pace of Coney, Cairns, McKechnie and McEwan was treated with utter disdain by Chappell, who, when he was not skipping down the pitch to drive straight, stepped back from his leg stump and forced the ball through the off-side field: he was quite impossible to bowl to. After Chappell was fourth out at 149, Walters tried in vain to sustain the momentum; in his desperation he attempted an impossible single and from theu on wickets tumbled with great speed.

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F. Graf, 1-b-W, b Hadloe
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M. Hogg, run out
R. N. Walker, not out
Estras (1-b 12, W 2)

TOTAL (45.1 overs) . 180

PALL OF WICKETS: 1—10, 2—98, 3—125, 4—149, 5—175, 6—175, 7—175, 8—179, 9—179, 10—180, 80WLING: Hadlec, 8—4—13—1; Concy, 4—0—19—0; Cairns, 8—2—37—2; McKechule, 10—0—33—21 McKwan, 5—0—29—2

Total (1 wit, 8 overs) . 25

M. G. Burges, J. V. Coney, P. P.
McEwen, 71, D. S. Smith, B. McKechnie, R. J. Radice, B. L. Cairns and E. J. Chairied did not bat.

PALL OF WICKETS: 1—22.

BOWLING: Liftee, 3—1—6—0; Walker, 4—3—0; G. S. Chappell, 1—0—

Final table

Botham dispels concern about his match fitness

might.

In two periods of match practice at the Fatima College sports ground Botham sent down about 10 overs and reported no reaction. He said: "I feel so much better this morning. I had my first decent meal for 48 hours last night after suffering from a stomach upset. I think this may have accentuated my hamstring frouble as it made me feel so have accentrated my hamstring trouble as it made me feel so unfit generally. I had been able to eat so little." Botham was able to eat so little." Botham was able to swing the ball appreciably in the humid atmosphere of Port of Spain, which is encircled by hills.

Chris Old is the only player who still has stomach trouble, now that Graham Gooch and David Bairstow are fit again.

England had originally planned today's practice for Queen's Park Oval where they will play Trinidad and then the first Test Match, starting on February 13; but not all the facilities are available at the moment and the team was happy enough to go to another ground where they could use the outfield.

The Pointe-A-Pierre ground.

table are the British Amateur Athletic Board (£102,000 last year); the rowing and table tennis associations (£80,000 each); judo (£72,000); swimming (£70,000) and squash (£59,000).

Port of Spain, Jan 21: lau Botham had his first serious practice bowl in Trimidad today and declared himself 100 per cent ready to lead England in the first match of their tour against Young West Indies starting at Pointeapiers on Friday, the Press Association reports. Botham has recovered from the stomach upset which laid him low for 48 hours before the party left Antigua and he has no further wordes about the slight hamstring strain which effected him at the first net last night.

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Meanwhile: England have taken one small step to counteract the threat. of the West Indian fast bowlers, Garner and Croft. The tour manager, Alan Smith, has persuaded the Antiguan cricket authority to enlarge one of the sight screens at the St John ground for the fourth Test match to ensure that the batsmen will have a clear view of the bowler's arm. The screen will be widened and raised before the Test—the first to be held on the island—starts on March 27.

Clive Lloyd, who has recovered

Clive Lloyd, who has recovered Clive Lloyd, who has recovered from influenza, files out this weekend to prepare for the series. Lloyd, recently appointed captain of Lancashire, returned to his Manchester home from West Indies' tour of Pakistan ten days ago to promise the club manager, Jack Bond, that he will be on the first possible flight back to England when the final Test, starting in Jamaica on April 10, is over. In Jamaica on April 10, is over.

The prize money for the one-day prudential Trophy matches between England and Australia this summer has not been increased. The winners of each match will receive £2,500 and there will be a man of the match award of £250.

Last season England lost one and won one of their games against West Indies at Headingley and Lord's and comfortably defeated Australia at The Oval and Edgbaston.

and a man of the series award of

Rugby Union

Rose adds colour to Cambridge's victory

By Richard Streeton
Cambridge U 32
Cambridge University, fielding
12 Blues who will all be in residence next December, showed the
benefit of a settled side when they
beat the Royal Air Force with
some positive and spirited running
at Grange Road yesterday. In particular a virtuoso performance on
an attacking theme by Rose, the
England replacement full back,
was the feature as the university
scored three goals, two penalty
goals and two tries without reply.
Considering the soaked ground,
there was a commendable amount
of handling attempted by both
teams, and the overall pace and
excitement atoned for many
understandable mistakes.
Rose scored 20 of the Cambridge points, invariably joining
the line with good judgment of
pace and direction. It was hard
afterwards to recall Cambridge
kicking in defence—even from
inside their own 22 they ran the
ball clear; their support play wasexcellent, and it was not surprising
that the RAF wilted a little in the
closing stages.

Alchurch's strength in the manis Cambridge U 32

that the RAF wilted a little in the closing stages.

Alchurch's strength in the mauls and commitment is the loose, as well as the hard work of Horner and Walker, were prominent in the Cambridge pack; Cullen covered well around the fringes. Davies, the new captain, had some problems with his tactical kicking early on but consistently passed with shrewdness. He did not attempt much thinself with the ball until injury time, when an elusive, dummying run brought him the last try from short range, converted by Rose.



Taking off: the RAF's Darby breaks through the Cambridge University defence.

Larter, slimmer than in bygone days, sometimes used his strength usefully for the RAF in the rucks and that long left leg and massive boot can still find some good touches. Copcote, a former England schools player, had a good match and Pugh showed determination and gameness behind a retreating pack, There were only brief glimpses of Steele.

By half time Cambridge led 15—0. Allchurch scored their first try after the back row took advantage of a loose ball at the back of a lineout; Rose scored the of a lineout; Rose scored the second on the left after the ball had been moved rapidly along the

line. Rose converted both and kicked a penalty in between. After the interval Rose became even more dangerous as a regular artacker. Having kicked a penalty be collected a clearance on his own 10-metre line and wriggled past half a dozen opponents be-fore sprinting through for another try. When the RAF were makes to retain possession from a line-out near the Cambridge line, Macklin gave Baldock the chance to score.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: "W. M. E. Rose (Loughborough GS and Stagdaters); T. S. O'Brian (Bradford GS and Jesus), "A. M. J. McCshey (King's College, Taumon, and Fig-

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Stickler for discipline who is in no hurry to return home

Taylor has set Wasps buzzing again

A fortuitous meeting between Mark Taylor, a New Zealand international, and Peter Yarranton, a former England rugby player, beiped Taylor change the All Black of his native country for the equally sombre playing attire of the Wasps Football Club. It may have been the last piece in the organizational jigsaw which has seen Wasps climb, over the past three seasons, from London's percential also rans to front rumers themselves. rumers themselves.

rumers themselves.

Without wishing to be too unkind, in the late 1960s and early 1970s; Wasps acted as something of a chopping board for more successful clubs. They persisted with some youthful backs, improved their tight forwards and a revised recruitment policy began to pay dividends. Now their backs are still youthful but glow with the confidence of success; their forwards present a compact face to an increasingly respectful world and only three defeats blor their record book this season. It is a far cry from the season 10 years ago when they were hard pressed to record half a dozen victories.

There is a touch of class at Sud-

There is a touch of class at Sudbury these days, too: the England trials prop, McGregor, and Rendall in the front row (although McGregor, formerly of Sarscens, is currently taking French leave), Utiley in the back row, Melville, the young Yorkshire scrum half, all have been attracted to Wasps.

Horton, a former England lock. all have been attracted to Wasps.

Horton, a former England lock, to France in 1977 had com and another All Black, Fawcett, have passed through in recent, and just at the moment he follows; and there is Norman Mark Taylor himself, now the club's Wasps, he says with captain and in no hurry to return ambiguous grin, he found to the Antipodes.

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Taylor, 31 this month, was born in Auckland into a family of four and went to high school in Dargaville—there is not much left of New Zealand's north island when you get to Dargaville. He moved south to Rotorua and played his first provincial game for Bay of Plenty in 1973; subsequently he played more than 80 provincial games and captained the side. When the All Blacks went to South Africa in 1976, Taylor went with a junior side, coached by Jack Gleeson and captained by Graham Mourie, to Argentina. He was picked as a centre but played both the internationals against the Pumas on the wing.

Pumas on the wing.

He played in two internationals against the 1977 British Lions, twice against the French in the same year and in the three internationals against the touring Australians in 1978. Later that year he formed part of the side, captained by Mourie, which beat all four home countries for the first time, Taylor appearing against Ireland. During his All Black carer he played in all Tive positions behind the scrum but now, after a hiccup at stand-off, he has settled down to lead Wasps from the centre.

There have been several New Zealanders in London club rugby in recent years but Taylor, in two years, has stayed longer than most and contributed a great deal more. A three-day stopover in London efter the short New Zealand tour to France in 1977 had convinced

Wasps, he says with an ambiguous grin, he found very English. After the rest of the He is also watching, with interest, the moves towards, a change

1978 New Zealand tourists went in the structure of English rugby, home. Taylor stayed behind, "At the moment you get a hard played out the rest of the season game one week, an easy one the with Wasps, was elected vice-next, and players' attitudes differ captain the following season and from game to game. You should captain the following season and took over the captaincy when Tony Choper left to play Rogby League:

"I was very uncertain about taking it on but I have thoroughly enjoyed it since. This season I told the team my aim was to get into the top three in the London merit table, to do at least as well as we had done before in the John Player Cup (in 1973 Wasps were knocked out in the semi-final round) and to beat some of the top clubs who have been knocking us around over the years, like Bristol, Coveniry and Leicester."

A stickler for discipline, Tayfrom game to game. You should have a league system where the top 10 clubs in London play each other two or three times a year, other two or three times a year, on a points basis. Players would get used to competitive rugby week in and week out, their league games would build up towards the divisional games, then the international scene. There would still be time, later on, for traditional fixtures. "I don't see the need for us Bristol, Coventry and Leicester."

A stickler for discipline, Taylor has seen Wasps into third place in the merit table; Bristol and Goucester are among their victims this season and Wasps are many people's dark horses in the cup competition (they play the merit table leaders, London Scottish, in the third round on Saturday). Taylor's attitude is uncompromising: "Give me a guy of 80 per cent ability and 100 per cent enthusiasm, I will put him in front of a guy with 100 per cent enthusiasm. I will put him in front of a guy with 100 per cent ability but not so much enthusiasm. The players know they will get a boot up the backside if they don't play well."

However, Taylor appreciates,

"I don't see the need for us to go far out of London during the first half of the season, after all, you have enough clubs here to form two divisions with promotion and relegation." Nor does Taylor agree that there is a lack of talent in Britain at the moment, particularly among the backs. Back play may have languished because of the overguished because of the over-emphasis on forwards and the art of scrummaging over the past five years but the individuals remain, even if the selectors have not always discovered them. " I went to England's final trial

ability but not so much enting slasm. The players know they will a wrote at the bottom of my proget a boot up the backside if they gramma 'Lacking direction'. No don't play well."

However, Taylor appreciates, can accuse Wasps nowadays of quite happily, than the game is not knowing their size in life, bis enough for two varieties of with Taylor happily ensconced as player: those who play for the a sales executive with a London-tun and the social side, and those with representative ambitions. The second variety requires an element more playing years, their players of sacrifice in modern rugby, and seem unlikely to be allowed to Taylor is looking for that element. deviate from that aim.

David Hands

Army show greater purpose than Oxford

By Gordon Allan
Army 12 Oxford University 5
The Army, six points behind at half time, recovered to beat Oxford University by two goals to two penalty goals by Aldershot yesterday. Both sides were short of a number of leading players, and in the first half the evidence was there for all to see. In the second, the Army drew the threads together to greater purpose thar Oxford and deserved to win or that account.

that account. The Army are still team building for the Services championship Warfield, the former Englanceutre, who is certain to be a key man in their campaign, dit not play yesterday because he was bleary-eyed after a night or manoeuvres. He is said to be in form though, having stored both form, though, having scored bot the Army's tries in their defear b Llanelli last week,

Halliday kicked Oxford's penals, ties, but otherwise there is little to say about the first half except that Oxford seemed reasonably in control. It was a control the gradually lost after the interval and one narrow escape follower another before the Army scare:

their first try.

There was an almost old fashioned air about it. Gleatoross-kicked from the right-im the middle of the Oxford 22, an campbell-Lamerton, the son of famous father, gathered the bar to pound over near the post Atkinson converted. How often nowadays do you see the crossick produce anything except: safe patch and clearance by the defending side or an offside dec-sion against the attacking one The Army's second try was more usual sight. Davies score it in the corner ou the blind sid of a scrummage. Brooks, the Oxford No S, was off the field at the time having a leg bandaged which may have left Davies early space he needed. Atkinson converted.

Roberts, the new Oxford captain, was a spectator yesterday. He broke a finger in the man against Edinburgh University to Monday, and is having an open tion today. An interesting ney comer to the Oxford side. Crowe, the Australian interactional utility back, and the are other good players on the way to the University including Capetown University and Wester Province flank forward and a

Capetown University and Wester Province flank forward and a England Schools centre.

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OXFORD UNIVERSITY! P. Bake (Bottley GS) Newport and St. Edmus Mall: S. Pennoch (Phures College as Lady Margaret Hall. S. Mallide (Downside and St. Bouel's Rail, P. Crowe (Schie College, Sydiey, as University). C. Ewart 1St Edward; St. Chierd, and St. Edmund Hall: G. Togood (North Bromagrove HS and Lincoln). M. Rutherford (Narrow and Escient). S. Edmund Hall: R. Marsden (Mershall Hall). R. Marsden (Mershall Hall). R. Marsden (Mershall Hall). M. Gargan (St. Peters for and St. Edmund Hall). J. Pickoo Church). W. Morrison (Febried). Turberville (Marlborough and Crift Church). W. Morrison (Febried Church). W. Morrison (Febried Church). W. Morrison (Febried Church). Referee: L. Prideaux (North Mit

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1.45 BABBACOMBE CHASE (Handicap: Selling: £625: 2m Leoncavalis. N. Mitchell. 10-11-12
Topping (B). C. Ham. 10-11-1
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Attantic Prince (3), R. Keonor. 7-10-13
Mr Q (CD). R. Barrow. 15-10-12
Perk End. R. Poccet. 11-10-11
Stellar All. S. Mist. 10-10-11
Stellar All. S. Mist. Bowe 6-10-11
Carew Marine. B. Stevens. 12-10-11
Witcatclose. R. Hodges. 10-10-11
Whost Way. A. Jones. 10-10-11
Wes Way. A. Jones. 10-10-9
Santoss, J. Bradley, 8-11-2
Quanrock Mauger, B. Langley, 7-10-8
Hobgobin, F. Kine, 9-10-6
Four Star, J. Clark. 13-10-4
Montula, J. Hooper, 7-10-4
Montula, J. Hooper, 7-10-4
Montula, J. Topping. 5-1 Leoncavalio. 6-1 She 2.15 ELLACOMBE CHASE (Handicap: £2,811: 34m 100yd) 2.45 ST MARYCHURCH HURDLE (Handicap: £1,316: 2m 150yd)

4-1 Entebbe. 9-2 Giddycon, 5-1 Jakaroo, 6-1 Dingbat. 7-1 Carronade, 10-1 Royal Friend, 12-1 Waltzer, Spanish God, 14-1 Singing Saint, 16-1 others, 3.15 COCKINGTON CHASE (Novices: £2,339: 2m 150yd) 3.45 CHELSTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £694: 2m 5]f) STON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £694

New Dance (C), Mrs J. Foster, 7-11-12

Pembi Chass (C), D. Baron, 8-11-12

Quanteck Abbott (C, B), B. Langley, 6-11-12

Air Faro, A. Barrow, 6-11-5

Bronin, A. Jones, 6-11-5

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Chiculta Beatle, M. Pipe, 6-11-5

Olica Bey, J. Hooper, 7-11-5

Marcos Agrippa, J. Spearing, 6-11-5

Member's Lady, J. Roberts, 5-11-5

Mewion Fiare, W. G. Turner, 6-11-5

Carlton Pride, B. Pincombo, 4-10-4

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Mailve Evening, R. J. Colling, 4-10-4

Mailve, 1-10-30 New Dance, 5-1 Chiculta Beatle, 7-1

Newton Abbot selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 1.15 Go Genriy, 1.45 Santoss. 2.15 Rapallo. 2.45 Entebbe. 3.15 Washington Heights. 3.45 Pembi Chase.

Newmarket stage another charity day

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

tiple Sclerosis Society, Newmarket are laying on another this summer for a charitable cause. This time the beneficiary will be Action Research for the Crippled Child. The committee, which includes Willie Carson, the champion jockey, aim to raise at least \$50,000, which was the figure that

£50,000, which was the figure that the corresponding fixture in June achieved last year. On that occasion the fact that the weather was miserable and that the programme actually clashed with both the Irish Derby and the Northumberland Plate did not appear to matter in the slightest. The enclosures on the July course were all packed to bursting point.

This year's programme has been framed along the same lines. The main race will have £12,000 added. Run over seven furlongs, it will be named after Mr and Mrs John Van Geest in recognition of the support they have given to Action Research, which is the national fund for research into crippling disease.

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Pomins Limited have guaranteed to sponsor a good race for two-year-old fillies over six furlongs and yesterday, during the launching of the project in London, it was also announced that the British Bloodstock Agency will mark their seventieth anniversary by putting up £5,000 for a 10-furlong handicap, along with a breeder's prize worth £500.

As the United Nations have already declared 1981 the International Year of Disabled People, it would seem to me that the Newmarket race committee's choice of a charity in this instance is singularly appropriate. Carson told me yesterday that he is a fervent supporter of the cause and that he will himself be sponsoring two coaches, one from the Cheshire Hunt and the other from the Quorn, so that supporters can attend the occasion. Quorn so that supporters can attend the occasion.

Lingfield abandoned. There will be no racing at Ling-field Park today. The clerk of the course. Roderick Fabricius, said yesterday. afternoon: The stewards have inspected the course



Fired by the huge success they enjoyed last year when they staged z day's racing in aid of the Mul-

STATE OF COING (official): Une-field Park: Abandoned waterlogged, Newton Abbot Soft, Temorrow Komb-ton Park: Good to soft, Catterick Bridge Soft.

and, as several parts of the track are waterlogged, they had no alternative but to abandon the one-day meeting." Lingfield is the

season.



Gravity takes over for jockey Mann as Tower Moss surrenders to inertia during Folkestone's Hurst Green Chase.

Prince from Donegal dispels the gloom

Thick fog and incessant rain hit racing at Folkestone yesterday, but the 1979 Ebor runner-up, Donegal Prince, helped dispel the gloom with victory in the Roberts-bridge amateur riders handicap hurdle. Donegal Prince came home with 30 lengths to spare over Genovese, the favourite, in the hands of Oliver Sherwood, last season's champion amateur.

Paul Kalleway, the winning trainer, said: "Oliver told me he, was never off the bridge to week flood in the Hurst Green thandicap chase and David Moriey, day. We had Donegal Prince gelded after last year's Ebor, and he is a much better horse now."

Mr Kelleway plans to run his winner in the Sun Alliance hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival.

Tyisibility for all six races was the first racehorses, to have carbon fibre implantation.

Hugh O'Neill, the Dorkhi oner of the season when Kashar appeared out of the northing final flight of the Northia tow winners who showed an abundance of that quality, and bravery over Flord in the Hurst Green thandicap chase and David Moriey, the winning trainer, said: "Oliver told me he winner off the bridge to a ten-length victory over Flord in the Hurst Green thandicap chase and David Moriey, coming in unchallenge this legs are so bad, but he ran a per year.

Bryan Boru, easy winner of the Battle selling chase from northern raider Bobie Gordon, was one of the trainer his, 700 and the trainer his, 700 and the battle selling chase from northern raider Bobie Gordon, was one of the season when Kashar appeared out of the Northia mer of the Northia mer of the season when Kashar appeared out of the Northia mer of the Northia mer of the season when Kashar appeared out of the Northia mer of the Northia mer of the season when Kashar appeared out of the Northia mer of the Northia mer of the season when Kashar appeared out of the Northia mer of the Montain Man completed of the Hurst Green thanding the season when Kashar appeared out of the Morthia mer of the season strongly to beat Lewe trained Jamie Scott

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Folkestone 1.15 (1.20) NORTHIAM HURDLE (DIV 1: Novices: 1.552: 2m 110yd) RASLAND, ch c by Shiny Truth— Smokey's Sister (G. Dawes, 4-10-5 G. McCourt (7-1, 7-1) Jamie Scott ... R. Foldstein (13-2, 2-2) King Hagon ... G. Junes (14-1, 3-1) TOTE: Win, 74p places, 22p, 26p, 22p, Dual F. 21.63, CSF: 25-63, R. O'Nelli, at Dorkang, 151, 41, Winsoy 7-4 fav. Oriental Prince (6-1, 4th,

SETAN SORU, ch g by Armagnac Monarche-Pollur: (C. Michell): -10-11-1: P Errior (15-R lav: 1 Bobble Gordon .. A. Turnell (15-8) 2 Goeffs Cholco .. P, Haymos (10-1) 3

(20-1) 4th. 9 ran. Winner was bought for 1.750 gns. 2 15 (2.16) HURST GREEN CHASE (Handles): £1.587; 2'=m)
TRACUS, 5'0 by Tanerko—Nectandra (J. Morley), 4-12-7 (J. Morley), G-12-7
Fjord ... Mal R. Fanikoer (5-1) 1
Fjord ... Mal R. Fanikoer (5-1) 2
Caravine ... A. Bowker (5-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 26p, 12p,
Dual F: 90p GSF: £1.94, D. Morley,
at Bary St Feirmunds, 10d, nk, All Right
Jack (5-2 fav) 4th, 6 ran. 2.45 +3.47 ROBERTSBRIDGE HURDLE (Handkap, smaleurs, \$851; 2m 55)

the first racehorses to have a carbon fibre implantation.

Hugh O'Nell, the Dorking trainer, saddled his eighth winner of the season when Kasland appeared out of the mist at the final flight of the Northiam novices hurdle, division one, and ran on strongly to beat Lewestrained Jamie Scott

Mountain Man completed a double for Bob Davies and David Morley, caming in unchallenged in the second division of the novices hurdle.

Tim Forster had an 85-1 Towcester treble, in which Our Laurie (Waterhall novices chase, division two) gave the trainer his 700th two) gave the trainer his, 700th

3 45 (3.50) NORTHIAM NURBLE (Div B' Novices: \$552. 2m 110yd) MOUNTAIN MAN, b h. by Wolver Hollow-Beck (Lady Hallrat, 5-(1-11 B. R. Davios (4-9 fgs) 1 Rodghet A. Turnell (9-2) 2 Bihas Bourty M. Scarfe (7-1) 3

Big race could be an Irish Grandmothers' National Grandmothers will have a big interest in the Grand National at anitree on April 4. Mrs John Moore and Mrs Peggy St John Nolan, two Irish grannies, train three of the 81 entries announced yesterday for the 1981 Sun Grand National. Mrs Moore has entered Arctic Ale and Delmoss while Mrs Nolan is represented by Drum-

Noish is represented by Drum-roan, who finished third to Lucius roan, who finished third to Lucius in 1978.

In addition-there is the Dorset owner trainer-breeder Mrs Mita Easton, mine hostess of "The Sheaf of Arrows" pub at Cranbourne. She is responsible for Martinstown and says: "I'm not a grandmother, but I'm old enough to be one."

Martinstown, her first runner in the National, is usually ridden by Mrs Easton's barman, Malcolm Batters, the amateur rider, but he

in me; National, is usually ridden by Mrs Easton's barman, Malcolm Batters, the amateur rider, but he put up 24 lb overweight when winning on the gelding at Chekrenham this month and Mrs Easton says: "I don't know yet who will ride; my horse at Liverpool. It depends on the weight he gets. No woman trainer has won the National, but five of them have entered eight horses this time. Mrs Diane Oughton, sister of the former reyal lockey, Bill Rees, has the oldest entrant, 14-year-old Even Up; while Jeuny Pitman is three-handed. Mrs Pitman, Britain's top female trainer, who set a turf record for her sex last Saturday when saddling her iwenty-second winner of the season, has entered the Massey-Ferguson. Gold Cup winner Bueche Giorod, Artistic Prince and Lord Guilliver in her latest

Towcester results 1.0 (1.01) WATERHALL CHASE (Divi-sion 1: novices: £849: about 2m; PACEMEN. b g. by Monolot: Paccy (1, Singe), 7:11-3 R. Linley (1, Singe), 7:11-3 R. (20-1) 1 King's Chamolon . P. Scudamoro Ging's Champion .. P. Scue

Ring's Champlen . P. Scudemore (8-1) 2 Prince Fury . A. Webber (6-1) 3 TOTE: Win. S1.16: places. 33p. 26p 10p. Deal F: S5.11. CSF: E16.17. N. Gasoles. ut Limbourn 11. 22s 11. Regulars to-d Evt. All Bonus (25-1) 4th. 10 ran. NR: Eledon Myn. 1.30 (1.33) LONGWAYER HURDLE (Division I: novices: 2552; and 2m (Division I: horices 2552; abt 2m 51) GAME BID, b m, by Laurence O-Biddy Hansol (Mrs M. Pennion) Westled - Mr W. Bennion (4-2) 2 Spaced Get - Norsheed (1-22) - 2 Spaced Get - S. Norsheed (1-22) - 2 TOTE: Wh. S. Pistess, 3-6, 249, 25p. Duof F. Spp. CSF: 12.55, Rex Carter 'el Swiffiam. 2-1, 15. Mike Channom (7-2 18V), Couringsh (8-1) Ath. 18 ran. 2:0 (2 01) WATERHALL CHASE (Divi-sion it: novices; £849; 2m) Lysippe B. Smart (6-1) 3 TOTF Win SI.SC Flaces: 5fm, 15p, 15p, Dual F. 21.32, CSF: 26.35, T. Forsior, at Wannage, 61. 21. 3 Prince Andrel and Safeguard 11-4 Jt fave: Prince America 4th, 10 rag 2.30 (2.51) DEER PARK CHASE : (Handicap; £886: abt 2m 5ft

Tumble, second to Ben Nevis la year and third to Rubsilc in 197 But the English trainer with mo entries is John Edwards of Ros On-Wye with Another Prospec Cheers, Good Prospect, H. Tomato and Son and Heir. Tomato and Son and Heir.

The ante-post favouries in mo bookmakers! early lists is Pen Scot, who has already won it Welsh National, but the horse trainer David Gandolfo, alt represented by the fancied mat. Doubly Royal, says "Both it owner and myself are still in decided about sending Peter So to Aintree. A decision will make made until next month."

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ENTRIES: Aldanit! Another Capal Another Dolly, Another Prospet Arrigle Boy, Arctic Alc. Artistic Prior Ballycross. Barmoy Mactyvie. Barry Chief. Bryan Boru. Bueche Gier Cabar Feldh. Carrow Boy, Cassanaya Cheers. Choral Fostiyal, Chimso Cold Spell, Commendant, Coolisish. C Pariner. Delapea. Delmoss. Double Royal. Dromore. Drumroan. Bryan Dromore. Drumroan. Gong. Even Up. Flame Gong. Even Up. Flame Gong. Prospect Hot Tumato. Jack of Trump Jhony Miri. Katmandu, Kilishe. Kilighue Kylogun Lady, Lord Golley. Lucy Parker. Man Alive. Marshelsof Martinstown, Marty White, Might Modesty Forbids, New Colonist.

Whisie For Gold

Bewrogens ... J. Burke (5-1)
TOTE: Win, 22p, Dual F: 21p. (5-1)
30p. J. Wobber, at Benbury, 2-1, 2
161. Earlyknock Boy (50-1) 4th. 4 rs
NR: Mister Johnson.

3.0 13.03) TOTE MURDLE (Handid F1.429: abi 2m)

VERAMENTE, b g, by Sassafra-Cueile Siague (S. Powell. 19.120)

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Hopel A Carroll (S. Powell. 19.120)

TOTE: Win. E1.16: places 359. 14.70. Dual F: £9.03. CSF: £14.26. Mediar. at Lambourn. 71. Sl. 71. M. Capilan 4-1 fav. Lettigo 125-1. 4

3,30 (3,32) " WELL TO DO " (Handicap: £1,377; abl Zm

ANKUS, b g, by Fine Pertueder (Sir K. Butt). J. Francome (S Leading Lady D. Shaw (S Indian Ruisita S. Keightid) TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 1 12p. Dual F; 67p. CSF; 60p-stor at Wantage, 1 1, 21 1, 21 (16-1) 40; 16 feb. PLACEPOT: £26,08s

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Stock markets

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IN BRIEF

Electricity the middle of the value Council Attension of the chairman hamed ham named

Mr Austin Bunch, the deputy chairman of the Electricity Council was yesterday promoted rast on to chairman on what appears term of office will run for little are the 1982, when his predecessor, Sir M Francis Tombs, was due to have reliaquished the post. Sir Francis resigned ar the

end of last year. Mr Bunch, who is 62, became him deputy in 1976. He has also a large chaired the management complete mittee of the £1,300m the Electronic tricity Supply Industry pension

His successor as deputy chairman will be Mr Alan Plumpton, 54, who has been appointed for a period of five years. Mr Plumpton is chairman of the London Electricity Board.

Trusthouse Forte may still sell tower

Trusthouse Forte, the hotels and catering group, may sell after all the Blackpool Tower which it bought recently as part of a package of leisure interests from Thorn-EMI.

Sir Charles Forte, chief ex-ecutive of the company, said that offers had been received for the tower from local considering its options, one of which was to keep the tower but spend £1m on refurbish-

A study of the problems and opportunities for alternative ment at Scunthorpe on south Humberside, where 4,000 steelworkers are to be made redundant, has been launched by BSC (Industry), the corporation's job creation subsidiary.

111,784 fewer cars

United Kingdom car output in the first 11 months of last year was 860,598 compared with 972.484 in the same period of 1979. The figures, Issued by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, show that EL's weekly average car production in the 11 months was 7.877, a fail of 19.9 per cent on a year

£3m mill order

Redpath Engineering, the British Steel Corporation's con-suructional engineering subsidiary, has won a £3m structural steelwork contract for a new rolling mill being built in Morocco by the state owned Societé Nationale de Siderurgie.

£12.5m EEC grants

The European Commission said yesterday it was allocating a further £12.5m from the Eurorean Regional Development Fund towards the cost of pro-iects in the United Kingdom. The money will contribute to-The money will contribute towards 14 industrial and three infrastructure schemes in

Wall Street lower

The Dow Jones industrial 4.43 on Wall Street yesterday. The f-SDR rate was 1.26888, while the f-SDR rate was

further cutback of 3,200 jobs tive than to implement compulsory redundancies. Union leaders are expected to Crucial talks on British Ship-builders' plans to cut its labour force by a further 3,200 by the end of March will be resumed today between senior executives of the Corporation and leaders of the Confederation of Ship-building and Engineering

negotiating

Unions. The talks were adjourned last week after British Shipbuilders had circulated unions with de-tails of the latest cutbacks. Since pationalization, the run-down of the industry's labour force has been based on a voluntary redundancy scheme which provides for enhanced

severance payments Eighteen months ago, the corporation and the unions agreed a joint policy involving the shedding of at least 10,000 jobs by the middle of last year, although the net job loss was to be reduced to 6,000 by increased activity in naval and creased activity in naval and offshore-related contracts.

The corporation has insisted that the latest cuts, set against a background of continued poor demand for merchan ships and the heavy losses it is sustain-ing, form part of that agree-ment with the exception of Vosper ship repairers at Southamp-ton, where 1,100 workers are threatened with redundancy after a decision by the British Transport Docks Board to close down the two repair docks. The other proposed redundancies will cut across the corporation's entire activities and will affect staff as well as shipbuilding

Mr Robert Atkinson, British Shipbuilders' chairman, is expected to underline to the union leaders that the cuts are essential if the industry is to survive in any substantial shape and intensified co in the future, and that in the from low-cost sh event of not being able to nations, further yard secure agreement the corpora- cannot be ruled out.

tion would have no real alterna-

question executives on the im-pact of the Government's decision, announced earlier this decision, announced earlier this week, to slow down the Royal Navy's warship ordering programme. Mr John Nott, Defence Secretary, told the House of Commons that there would be "some adjustment" of the forward warship building programme, which would slow down the planned rate of con-

He said that the defence department would have discussions with British Shipbuilders on where next year's programme of orders would be allocated. Only then would it be possible to make a firm estimate of the number of jobs

Those discussions and decisions cannot long be delayed since British Shipbuilders is scheduled to provide Sir Keith Joseph, Industry Secretary, with a revised version of its corporate plan in the spring. The plan is expected to be com-pleted before the end of March and will incorporate estimated

labour requirements. The merchant shipbuilding labour force is now about 18,500, but clearly a slowdown in naval ordering can only serve to exacerbate the corporation's aiready considerable problems. This must pose problems over the future security of employ-ment of many hundreds of workers in the specialist naval yards of Vickers, Vosper and Yarrow, and in the so called "mixed yards" which can build both merchant and naval ships.

With the strength of sterling and intensified competition from low-cost shipbuilding nations, further yard closures

State shipbuilders Coral and Coral Mo **Grand Met** inquiries go to DoT

By Philip Robinson .

The Stock Exchange has passed the results of its pre-liminary inquiries into share dealings in Coral Leisure and Grand Metropolitan to the De-partment of Trade under the new insider dealing laws.

The exchange said in a statement yesterday that having considered information gained as a result of its inquiries, the dealings appeared to merit further examination by the de-

partment.

But it stressed that this should not be taken as an indi-cation that it thinks there has been any violations of Sections 68 or 69 of the Companies Act, 1980, the sections relating to insider dealing which carries a maximum penalty of two years imprisonment and or an un-

imprisonment and or an unlimited fine.

The inquiries covered a period leading up to September 1, 1980 when Grand Metropolitan launched a £87m takeover bid for the gaming group. It was subsequently dropped after a monopolies referral.

During last August, Grand Met's price rose from 155p to 165p on August 22 and then

Met's price rose from 155p to 165p on August 22 and then fell, ending 4p lower on the day of the announcement at 155p.

Last year, the shares moved between a range of 120p and 167p. Over the same period, Coral's shares rose from the low 60s to peak at 55p. low 60s to peak at 66p on August 8 before dropping back to 59p on August 18 and 56p by August 22, after which the shares moved up to 61p on August 27 and were suspended up 5n at 651p on the day of the up 5p at 651p on the day of the bid, which valued the shares

103p.
Under the "early warning system" agreed between the department and the exchange. details of inquiries were passed to the DoT some days ago,
Inside dealing became illegal in June last year. The exchange has already referred dealings in Petrocon (which was cleared in December), Wilkinson Match, County & District Properties, Cornell Dresses and Pennine Commercial Holdings.

CBI seeks boost for small business

The Confederation of British Industry is to urge the Government to adopt new measures to encourage people to invest their savings in small companies. The aim is to make industry as easy and attractive an investment as building societies or unit trusts.

As part of its proposals to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for inclusion in the March Budget, the CBI wants subtantial taz incentives offered to individuals who invest in new and smaller companies directly or indirectly through bodies to be called Small Firms' Investment Companies (SFICs).

The CBI would like to see such investors qualify for low capital gains or income tax when their investments are realized. To encourage the for-mation of SFICs, it wants them

£30m credit

Food exports from the United Kingdom to Poland are tobe guaranteed under a \$36m

(£15m) line of credit granted by the Export Credits Guaran-

tee Department. The move fol-

lows recent reports that the ECGD has been considering re-

rating Poland as a higher risk. The ECGD credit is part of

an interim financial arrange-ment for Poland announced

yesterday by the Foreign Office and worth about £30m, The

arrangement is one element in

aid for Poland agreed by the EEC. About £15m is for re-

financing of existing Polish debts to Britain and the same

amount is credit for essential

imports.

Among the commodities to be

covered by the ECGD credit, the finance for which is being

organized by Lloyds Bank Inter-

national, are barley, beef, but-ter, pigmeat, and sugar. Help for Poland. The announce-

ment by the Foreign Office marks the first phase of a major effort by Western countries to help the Polish economy (David Sparier, Our Diplomatic Correspondent,

These arrangements are seen

These arrangements are actually as "interim help, and further international talks will be held shortly, probably in Paris, to tackle the longer term needs of Poland. Britain is

what can be done.

The size of the credits and

assistance has been mobilized

speed with which the

actively considering

the concern of countries to help

already

indicates

support

for Polish

economy

By Michael Prest

man of the CBI's smaller firms council, said yesterday: "If implemented, our proposals would represent a significant step forward in improving the supply of capital to new and expanding smaller companies, which would provide real benefits to the economy in terms of increased investment in high technology businesses, a re-vitalization of our industrial

base and the creation of new and smaller companies by giv-ing them tax treatment similar

By Robert Rodwell

plant in Belfast.

Mr John De Lorean yester-day drove one of the first of his

company's sports cars off the production line at the Govern-ment-backed De Lorean car

The car is part of the first batch being shipped to the United States next month. "We aim to get about 700 cars into the States by the end of April

for a coast-to-coast market launch early in May," Mr De Lorean said.

The launch will be some months later than the original date specified when an agreement to build the plant in Bel.

By Our Industrial Editor

Cabinet Ministers are meet-

ing today to consider the request from British Leyland for a further £1,100m of public funding for the company.

The latest request for government aid, to cover a four-year period, is vital to the success of the company's plans to reestablish BL as a profitable

But the question of whether the Government will agree to the request, or if it is to do so, the form in which the cash will

be made available and over what period, is not likely to be

resolved. Although in recent weeks

motor group.

that the Budget proposals would be "fiscally neutral". Mr Fiennes Cornwallis, chair-Industry had to bear the cost

of the recession and could not add to inflation. The CBI's representations will be finalized in the next week and will be aimed at reducing industry's costs, particularly in relation to energy, interest rates, local authority rates and the "temporary" National Insurance surcharge. The CBI regards as encourag-

ing the latest results of its pay data bank, showing that two-" It is vital to restore the thirds of wage settlements in auraction to individuals and December were in single per-centage figures, but is confinancial institutions of direct or indirect investment in new cerned that a number of signifi-cant negotiations in the current pay round remain to be con-cluded. to that they would receive on other forms of investment." Sir Terence Beckett, director-general of the CBI, said after yesterday's monthly meeting of

Mr John De Loreau yesterday with one of the first cars.

De Lorean output starts

fast was signed in August, 1978.- will have 1,500 working here,
"It is fortunate there have and 2,000 by the middle of next
been a few delays because the year", Mr De Lorean said.

Cabinet to meet on BL's

£1,100m loan application

Sir Raymond Pennock, the CBI president, said that settlements to come in areas like

United States market has been dull but is reviving again. We will hit it at just the right

Government, investment

the project is to total more than £60m, including a £17.7m equity stake. About £40m has gone straight back into the Northern

Ireland economy in construction

of the 76-acre plant.

Production of cars is three

day this week, rising to five a day next week, 10 a day the week after, and increasing steadily. The workforce, currently 865, is also building up as recruits are trained 40 to 50

funds he requires—at least in

the short term—in view of the social and financial con-sequences of denying the

request, a government an-nouncement is not expected for

One factor which ministers

clearly will take into account

is the company's performance. They will want to await the out-

come of the joint management

union inquiry into the dismissal

of eight workers from the com-

or eight workers from the com-pany's Longbridge plant after an internal inquiry into alleged disturbances at the works last November, during which cars and property were damaged.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary

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time ", r De Loeran said.

banking and local public services could have a considerable impact on industry's costs. Last year, companies paid "very heavily" because of wage deals

On the rating from, Sir Raymond said it was "no use local authorities thinking they can solve their problems by passing them on to us". Industry already paid 45 per cent of local rates.

Meanwhile, Mr Tom King; Minister for Local Government and Environmental Services, yesterday called on people from industry and commerce with experience of handling substantial budgets and investment decisions to help councils to get better value for money. Firms must realize that they had a real interest in their local councils and should also encourage employees interested in standing for election.

Reagan call for 'shock tactics' on budget

From Frank Vogi Washington, Jan 21.

President Ronald Reagan told his first Cabinet meeting at the White House today: "We've got to get control of the budget. It is out of control."

Mr David Stockman, the new Budget Director, outlined the ways in which the President intends to trim the budget in the first detailed account of the new administration's plans.

Mr Stockman said that an unprecedented programme would be announced shortly that would "shock and shift" the whole course of the American economy.

He left no doubt that the budget changes will be sweep-

ing. covering every aspect of public expenditure and taxation. The future control of the budget can only be secured within the framework of a long

term broad economic plan. Mr Stockman said that a part of this plan had to be the maintenance of tight money policies and any wavering in its anti-infla-tion policies by the Federal Reserve Board would have a damaging effect on the economy

He said that the new adminis-tration would declare a "full throttle, four year plan that involves no equivocation and no hesitation". It might be three weeks before the full details were ready for announcement,

On taxation, the Budget

Director said that plans would be developed to reduce the overall tax burden for all sectors of society. Substantial tax changes would be outlined, designed to "encourage growth, savings and investment. Mr Stockman said that the

almost across-the-board cuts in domestic spending" would range from reductions in benefits to students and welfare recipients, to curbing public works programmes and government subsidies to synthetic fuel industries, and to stretching current governmental capital expenditure plans.

Economics chief: Mr Murray Weidenbaum, 53, an highly respected conservative economist is likely to be appointed as chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers at the White House and as such he will become the chief econo-mic policy adviser to President

British Steel set for deal with GKN

By Our Industrial Staff Formation of a new joint

venture steel company between the effectively bankrupt British Steel Corporation and GKN, the steel and engineering group, is within the next two weeks. Senior executives of both the round of talks yesterday and barring any last-minute hitches, a formal announcement is expected to be made by the two
partners. The new company
represents the first stage of the
most fundamental shake-up of the United Kingdom steel industry since nationalization of the 14 largest companies 14

iling background of falling demand and mounting losses in both the public and private sectors of the industry. GKN

Discussions between GKN and BSC have been taking place over the so-called "phoenix one" project involving a rationalization of billet, bar and wire rod production in the United Kingdom for nearly two years. The talks have been actively encouraged by the

Normanby Park steelworks Scunthorpe with the loss of 2,500 jobs. This agreement negotiated locally will mean that the plant will cease opera-tions at the end of next month, with the rundown in the force starting almost immediately and the first 1,000 workers due to leave by the end of next

Government and by Sir Keith Joseph, the Industry Secretary,

in particular.

The new company, which will be a limited liability concern, will have an annual turnover approaching £300m and will employ between 5,000-10,000 workers.

The Phoenix concept has important political pattractions for the Government in view of the fact BSC needs further substantial support. Ministers ha dhoped that the

-2,500 jobs to go

Agreement with steel industry unions was reached last night for the closure of the Normanby Park steelworks are appears to have been reached

under which each of the part-ners would hold a 50 per cent interest with CKN providing key management personnel.
Government finance for the steel industry will be reduced substantially, although it is expected that through the BSC. the Government will provide

sufficient working capital to carry the new company through its first two years of operation. Discussions are going ahead on the formation of a second phoenix joint venture which will involve other GKN steel-

making activities through a rationalization of the engineerng steels sector. Companies involved in this project include Duport, the jointly owned Round Oak com-

pany where the present partners are the BSC, and Tube Investments, and Hadfields, the Lonrho subsidiary.

Slowdown in rate of wage rises

Continued from page 1

panies which have borne the brunt of the recession, towards individuals, who have experi-enced a record increase in living standards over the past two years.
But any move towards increa-

sing taxes on households on March 10, such as failing to index tax allowances by the full amount by which prices have risen, could reinforce the squeeze on incomes produced by pay sertlements failing to by pay settlements failing to keep pace with prices. There is therefore a risk that higher taxes could prolong the reces-sion just at the point where the economy could otherwise be expected to turn up, in late

spring or summer. The Department of Employ-ment expects, the underlying rise in earnings to continue to slow rapidly over the next few months, as large settlements in the last pay round drop out of the index. Although the major-ity of workers have yet to settle in the present round, the trend so far suggests that government forecasts for a 10 per cent or so rise in earnings, compared with over 20 per cent in the previous round, could well be realized.

Earnings table, page 22

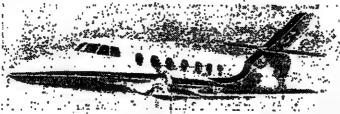
500 more jobs at aircraft works

British Aerospace plans to continue producing its new £1m light airliner, the Jetstream 31, at Prestwick, Ayrshire, and create 500 new jobs, despite the deferment of an order for the plane by the Ministry of Defence on Tuesday. The announcement comes in

the wake of the Government announcing its defence cuts. An order for 14 of the aircraft to be used by the RAF has been put off as a result of defence British Aerospace anticipated

the Government's move and tailored its marketing in recent months to the airliner commuter and company executive

As a consequence British



Jetstream 31: production to continue despite setback on RAF order.

The Scottish division of the Aerospace Association of the Engineers and Managers Asso-

ments for 13 aircraft, nine op-tions from 5 operators and 16 letters from airlines expressing interest in purchasing about 40

credit for the success. It repre-sents most of the managers and sentor staff at Prestwick.

The prospect of 500 new iobs largely on the production Aerospace has received commit- ciation claims an element of ready employ 1,500 people.

French learn perils of index linking the hard way

60.9 pc payout on 'Giscard' bonds

Interest payments on the gold-indexed bonds have

What is more worrying, however, is the fact that if the loan were to be redeemed today, the Government would have to pay out a staggering 56,000m francs or 49,500m francs more than the proceeds The problem of redemption,

Paris, Jan 21.—The French which will take place on of the bonds would be automaters spent 3,960m francs January 16, 1988, will be all tically indexed to the price of (about £353.5m) of taxpayers the more acute since president and one kilogram gold innot to be linked to gold.

bond held-equivalent to a 60.9 per cent coupon—compared with 392.96 francs last year, 193.85 in 1979, 168.80 in 1978, and only 70 between 1974 and

of the biggest on the Paris Bourse, with 2,000-3,000 bonds changing hands daily for a value of 18-27m francs compared with an average of about Fr400m for the entire Bourse.

AP-Dow Jones

several ministers have reconciled themselves to providing Sir Michael Edwardes, the BL chairman, with some of the of State for Industry, appar-ently has been convinced that the BL plan should be suppor-Reagan and his cabinet.

Redfearn National Glass

The Outlook for 1981

The following is an extract from the Statement by the Chairman, Mr John Pratt.

The past year has been the most difficult period of trading in the history of Redfearn National Glass. The profit was achieved against a background of deep recession, high redundancy costs and the substantial costs of starting up RN Plastics.

Looking ahead to 1980/81 the continued depressed trading conditions will be the main cause of a significant loss in the first half.

In the full year the out-turn must depend on the restoration, or partial restoration, of consumer spending. In this context it is worth noting that at the present time customer de-stocking has been largely completed and our customers expect demand for the whole of 1981 to be broadly the same as in 1980. Price-levels remain depressed and it is certain that the industry will not be able to recover cost increases in full by way of price increases. In common with many other industries our future prosperity lies, as never before, on the achievement of improved productivity. With the uncertainties ahead, and the recession continuing, it is not possible to make a forecast of the results for next year but I am in no doubt that the willingness to change and adapt, which is the core of our policy, will in due course show through in terms of improved results.

Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts may be obtained from the Secretary: -.

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on a 15-year state loan through in the spring of that year. which the government raised only 6,500m francs when it was issued in 1973.

amounted to 10,700m francs so, far and, assuming no change in the price of gold between now and maturity, will total 34,450m

money last week to pay interest dential elections are to be held The government of Prime Minister Raymond Barre, who has consistently opposed all forms of indexation since taking

> increasingly concerned with the cost of the bond issue. The bond was the idea of President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, France's Finance Minister at the time the 1,000franc nominal bonds were issued with a 7 per cent coupon.

office in 1976, is known to be

The interesting feature was a "safeguard clause" that gave investors a guarantee against monetary risks. The clause provided that the redemption value.

a one kilogram gold ingot should the French franc cease In 1981, holders of the bonds received 609:03 francs interest for each 1,000-franc nominal

The market in the 7 per cent 1973 "Giscard" bonds is one



Chrysler may set higher rate

Thrysler Corporation may have to offer a higher than planned interest rate on its \$400m (about £167m) of new porrowings to help overcome concern among investors about the company's future.

Even though the notes are fully guaranteed by the Government, United States Federal officials have authorized the company to offer a more attrac-tive interest than in the past because of the "market per-ception of Chrysler's difficul-ties, which creates investor uncertainty".

Yugoslay credit

Yugoslavia has obtained a DM500m (about £105m) united financial credit from a syndicate headed by four Luxembourg subsidiaries of West German banks, says the Deutsche Bank AG. The credit, which runs for seven years was which runs for seven years was signed in Frankfurt.

Malaysian port study

The Kelautan state government in Malaysia is examining a study carried out by Japanese experts for construction of a port near Kota Bahru, about 200 miles north-east of Kuala Lumpur costing \$250m (about £104m), government sources

Opec Geneva meeting

Oil ministers of Petroleum Exporting Countries will hold their next regular meeting on May 25 in Geneva, the Opec secretariat said in Vienna. The ministers meet every six months to review oil prices.

Seoul ship deal

Shipbuilding Engineering Corporation said in Seoul it has signed a \$120m (about £50m) contract to build three oil tankers for Abu Dhahi National Oil Tanker Co. Delivery is set for 1983.

Diamond exchange

Asia's first diamond exchange is expected to open in Houz-kong in July as planned, despite a predicted downturn in de-mand for the stones this year, the Asian Wall Street Journal reports.

Companies cast envious glances at newcomers' special incentives

Trouble brewing in enterprise zones

The Government's decision that Dudley in the West Midlands is one of the first two authorities to be formally invited to prepare an enterprise zone scheme will enable a number of problems to be aired which could have implications for the nine other zones already suggested.

In the two and a half months since the sites were proposed, some of the initial euphoria in Dudley has given way to doubts and even organized opposition. There is a growing fear within Dudley companies that the many "carrots" on offer to attract new industry to the 538acre zone will leave them at a serious disadvantage compared with newcomers.

Even so, many local businesses are prepared, for the good of the community, to live with the idea of advantaged new competitors. What they will not accept is that the 100 companies already established in the zone should receive the same bonuses as the newcomers. These include exemption from development land tax, 100 per cent capital allowances for commercial and industrial buildings, a 10-year exemption from rates, and liberally administered planning procedures.

Upwards of 150 businessmen have attended meetings to voice their concern and question local council leaders. Among them was Mr William Andrews, chairman of the Andrews Group of steel processing and stockholding companies.

As he pointed out: "We are only six

miles from the zone boundary, yet over-

Equal prices for particular forms of energy throughout the

European Economic Community

would be neither attainable nor

desirable, according to a report by a House of Lords Select Committee, published roday.

The committee says it is

important that energy prices should be determined according

to common general principles, and calls for these to be more

But it adds: "These principles should not be interpreted in the United Kingdom in such

a way that energy prices are higher than those prevailing in other industrialized countries." Publication of the report

comes at a crucial point in the continuing national debate over

the prices paid for energy by British industry. The Confeder-ation of British Industry, and many of its member organiza-

tions, have argued in recent months that business in the

United Kingdom shares a larger

burden of rising energy prices than overseas rivals.

These claims have, on the whole, been denied by ministers, but they are being examined more closely in a

number of other forums. A Com-

mons Select Committee on

Energy is examining pricing policy, and is expected to take evidence from Mr David Howell,

the Secretary of State for

clearly defined.

Lords report rejects

energy price equality

night our competitors inside the zone and new ones who join them will have a head

Take the 10-year freedom from rates. for instance. For a firm of our size, rates account for £25,000 a year, and that could be the difference between staying in business during the present recession and

going to the wall.
"I believe that the Government has got to take another look at the forms of the incentives being applied to the zones. For instance I am in favour of help to develop the land and the provision of lower startup charges. But a 10-year subsidy on rates

Another, of his worries is that the zone will attract the wrong type of industry from the wrong place. Dudley is a tradirional Black Country metal manipulating area. The existence of a large number of unemployed skilled metalworkers, plus the financial incentives, could persuade engineering and metal processing companies to move from neighbouring West Midland towns.
Wolverhampton has already expressed

its concern at the possible drain on employment. On the other hand, Wolverhampton could be accused of sour grapes. It was itself a vigorous but unsuccessful campaigner to be allocated an enterprise

Zone supporters have another problem. Dudley is the only one of the proposed zones not in a government-designated assisted area. Without that status, it cannot qualify for development grants from the EEC, and that will place it at a serious disadvantage when competing for new-comers, particularly where multinational business is concerned.

the Blackbrook Valley site chosen for the new zone lies above the South Staffordshire coal seam on which the wealth of the region was largely founded. Over the years it has been worked out, leaving a seared landscape of class have leaving a scarred landscape of slag heap: and disused mine shafts. Some of the old shafts are not marked on maps and will have to be traced to be filled in.

Without the proposed zone incentive development costs, would be prohibitive. More than half the acresse is already occupied by industry while the remainder is owned by eight private companies.

Dudley's memployment is at a post-war high of over 9 per cent for the borough and 11 per cent for the catchment area of the zone. The area needs another 10,000 new jobs to restore employment to the levels of the late 1970s.

A Department of Environment spokes-man said last night: "The zones have only been selected at this stage. Before they are formally designated, probably in the summer, there will be ample opportunity for interested bodies and individuals to make representations. This will include taking part in a public meeting."

Clifford Webb Midland Industrial Correspondent

£2,100m surplus for

Energy, probably on February

A 12-man task force has also been set up by the Government and the National Economic Development Office to assess the impact of high energy costs on British industry. The task force, which first met earlier this week, is hoping to prepare a report within six weeks.

The Lords Select Committee on the European Communities took evidence from government departments, energy supply industries and the Petroleum Industry Association, as well as examining European Commis-sion policy on harmonization of energy prices and taxes.

Like many of its predecessors the committee has been unable to come to any firm conclusions on industry claims that it is paying more for its energy. "The committee found that a number of disparities exist between energy prices in different member states, but that it is extremely difficult to ascertain the prices actually being charged for some impor-tant uses of energy."

The report says that European coal mining industries face particular problems at 2nd Report from the House of

Lords European Communities Committee, Session 1980-81: Hamonisation of Energy Prices

chemicals industry Despite a fall in production

and sales at home, Britain's chemicals industry had a record trade surplus last year of more than 52,100m, 42 per cent up

This represented more than baif of the surplus earned by manufacturing industry as a

Last year was one of the worst for the chemicals in-dustry on record. Most of the large companies, including ICI, Shell, and EP Chemicals announced reduced profits, or even losses, and were forced to make a total of several thous-

make a total of several thousand workers redundant.

Writing in the company newspaper this month, Mr Robert Horton, managing director of BP Chemicals, said, "I am afraid that all the signs are that for most of 1981, times are not going to be any better."

Last night, Mr Martin Trowbridge, director-general of the Chemical Industries Association, described the figures as a "sugar-coated pill". He explained: "From the outside, the increased fayour able trade balance looks good

able trade balance looks good and certainly reflects well on those who have struggled successfully against compenitors in the international market-place. "However, the bitter core is that much of the business has been bought at a minimum

profit or even a loss arising from high United Kingdom energy prices and the artifi-cielly bloated petro-pound."

At £5,303m, chemical exports were almost 8 per cent up in value, although they declined in volume by 4.5 per cent.

Imports were worth £3,164m.
This was 7 per cent down in value and more than twice that amount lower in volume, re-flecting the domestic recession in manufacturing industry and general home demand for imported chemicals.

The overall trade figures

have gained further by the con-tinued improvement in the

terms of trade.

Mr Trowbridge said: monthly export figures showed a good start to the year, fol-lowed by a declining trend through the summer and autumn, which somewhat surprisingly was arrested in October and November.

"At the same time, the de-clining trend in imports, appeared to have ended in the closing months of the year, probably reflecting an end-to-destocking in some sectors of

industry."
Generally during recessions imports fal lat a much faster rate than domestic demand. However, during the present decline, import penetration, exressed as a proportion of home emand, has remained at about

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The proper role of VAT relief pension funds is vital

should be arbitrarily frans-ferred, no matter how laudable the purpose, is fantamount to a confiscation of funds entrusted by employees for their future pension provision. Much has been made recently of the benefits obtained by pensioners in the public service through index-linked pension schemes, while their fellows who have have no such guarantee of pro-

From Mr Robert A. McCrindle, MP for Brentwood & Ongar (Conservative)

Sir, You report that a special provision of the purpose of producing jobs than for the provision of the contributor's pension, then we shall indeed be in a situation, some time in the future, where private pension schemes may be unable to meet their pension committees the in manufacturing interest of the pension committees the interest of the pension committees the interest of the pension committees the pension that the pension funds are there to the pension of the contributor's pension, then we shall indeed be in a situation, some time to the pension, then we shall indeed be in a situation, some time to the pension of the contributor's pension, then we shall indeed be in a situation scheme may be unable to meet the pension that the pension the funds are the pension that the pension the pension that the pension the pension that the pension

are pretected against inflation.

The whole suggestion is based on a doctrinaire conviction that the pension funds are there to be milked for public (some would say political) purposes. Instead, it should never be forgotten that they are there to be invested profitably soiss to ensure that the individual's pension is available when he has finished his life's work. Yours faithfully. ROBERT McCRINDLE.

Rises in price of gold rapid loss of value of their curredcies and their political disinclination to see the two principal gold producing countries increase their earnings. When persistent inflation inevitably brought this to an abrupt end there was naturally a stramble to buy gold at prices so artificially depressed that they bore no resemblance to real values. In real terms there has been no gain in value of gold.

Sir, An article in The Times of Sir, An article in The Times of January 8 quotes with apparent approval two bureaucrats of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) who criticize the alleged unfair gains through the rise in gold prices since the middle 1970s which, they say, benefited the "rich" countries but not those of the Third World who owned less gold. This your contributor describes as a profoundly unfair system.

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Gold has in fact declined in price from its high by some 30 per cent. Today it costs about 56 times more in sterling than it did in 1900, and we need around £50 to buy what could be bought for a sovereign in 1900. The rise in gold since the mid-seventies was a much overmid-seventies was a much over-due correction of the absurd

anomaly that resulted from the misguided and ill-fated attempt by governments to hide the

Equality for fish and chips

From Mr David Toulson

Sir, I refer to our articla
"Never on a Sunday, unless."
(January 15). The laws on Sunday trading are so complicated and in many instances ridiculous, one could almost believe they had been compiled by a class of school children. Fish and chip shops through-out the country should have the same freedom of choice as the other take away food shops. It is as though we have become the ethnic community as far as trading is concerned. We see Chinese. Indian, Pakistan, Greek, Turkish and many other

trading freely on Sundays But it is against the law for us to open our doors to sell what has often heen called "The great British dish"

nations take away food shops

been no gain in value of gold.

The United gentlemen and your contributor, who are doubtless too young to know the value of sovereigns, propose that taxpayers of the rich countries should further

subsidize the Third World with gains from their gold holdings although these are clearly fictirious. And if they were not, why should they?

C. W. ASCHAN,

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We sincerely hope that the Bill of Sir Anthony Meyer MP will be having more luck than the other seven arrempts that have been made. All we want is H DAVID TOULSON, Confederation of Fried Fish Caterers Associations,

no substitute. Yours faithfully, SALLY GREGG 14 Hes Lane, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire.

to tourism From Mrs Susanna Burr Sir, Advocates of the Tourist Industry have in the past put in their several pleas for VAT exemption on accommodation

expenses for overseas courses visiting the United Kingdom:
As the Chancellor prepares his 1981 Budger, might one ask him to take note that an esti-mated £4,000m was spent by tourist visiting Britain during 1980. With the current strength of the pound, and the effects of the recession in Europe and North America, this figure would seem likely drastically to reduce this year if the present overseas visitor finds Britain proportionally and increasingly more expensive, VAT at 15 per cent is a deterrent to tourists; an increase in the VAT level would be a disease.

Britain's excellent performance in the field of tourism would collapse and the obvious effects would be not only an ultimate loss to the Treasury, but an increase in unemployment of the collapse. ment and the sacrifice of count-less small, businesses who serve the oversess visitor in Britain's

micross.

Without some VAT relief, it will be "Goodbye 1981" for the tourist industry.
Yours faithfully,

SUSANNA BURR, Chief Executive, Prestige Hotels, Strand House, Great West Road, Brendord, Middlesex TW8 9EX.

Importance of home making

Sir, Reference Mr William G. Richards' letter published in Business News on January 14, if the job of helping to keep the social structure of the country together and nurturing the next generation is much more important. that earning a wage outside the home, why do not more men take to it? (Given adequate financial backing from working wives of course)

Could it be that most women have realized that the notion of the importance of home-making and child rearing is a conthere is no status, no kudos and precious. little thanks involved, from either the name or the individuals involved. The From Miss Sally Gregg

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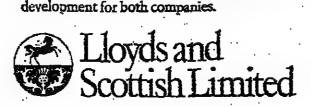
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COUNTRY PROPERTIES

BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Trusthouse holds the line

Trusthouse Forte pegged-down costs ruthlessly in the second half. And in a business which is a large employer of casual labour and where perhaps 30 per cent of every pound of sales is accounted for by wages, it has the flexibility to do this.

Against a background of deteriorating occupancy rates through the year, then, particularly in its London hotels which suffered as Americans stayed at home because of high sterling, the outcome is creditable. On three out of four countsrading profits, earnings and the dividend-Trusthouse has done better; only at the pretax profit level where it had to shoulder higher interest costs did it slip, by 3 per cent to £66m.

As ever the occupancy picture is confused. Trusthouse reckons it saw a 5 per cent decline on average in its London hotels and rather less than that outside the capital which suggests it was raising its share of a we deteriorating market in this country.

In the United States, a 13 per cent im-provement in dollar-expressed trading profit suggests modest progress despite slack trading in the lodge business as energy problems in the United States still affect

The outlook is naturally difficult to predict. Trusthouse is investing heavily (and keeping the tax charge lower) in new hotel

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ing Sir Charles Forte, chief executive, Trusthouse Forte.

and lodge capacity, particularly in North America, and in this country its catering side is producing strong growth.
Its balance sheet, following a partial

revaluation, is strong with gearing under

All this suggests that it can at least hold regits own, but a return to the sort of growth : Twiseen during the 1970s is not yet in prospect. The pattern of operations now though, underlined by the investment taking place in the America, suggests that Trusthouse

reckons it is more likely to get growth going on the other side of the Atlantic than it is in this country.

This seems to leave the shares—up 12p yesterday at 195p—fairly valued for the present, yielding 6.6 per cent on a dividend the present.

that would still be covered twice by current Argyll Foods' latest circular is long on

details of the proposed takeover of Oriel Foods for £19.5m from RCA. But after the rapid changes of the past few months, the group is unwilling to make any profit forcasts for the 15-month period to this March so it is hard for shareholders to discern the eventual shape of Archill the eventual shape of Argyll.

Plainly the hope at the moment is that
Mr Gulliver can work the same sort of
magic as he did at Fine Fare in the late
1960s. There is now plenty of talk of Argyll
emerging as a real force in food retailing in this country and certainly the record of Bejam over the years indicates that frozen foods is a good sector of the business to

As it is the financial details show that Argyl's net assets will be increased from £4m to £13.5m and that with annualized pretax profits of £4.5m Argyll is paying only nine times earnings for Oriel.

But the way the deal is being financed—a two-for-five rights to raise £8m and a £12m loan from Samuel Montagu and Midland-leaves little room for any disappointments on the trading front despite Oriel's net cash of £10m. Mr Gulliver is also property having to leave nothing to chance in agreeing that his private interests and Samuel Montagu should act as a backstop should Argyll sharcholders not take a liking to the deal. All the same dealers are expecting the shares to come back a little higher from their 78p suspension price.

Union Discount

Aggressive

stance :

The 1980 tale from Union Discount is not dissimiliar from that told by Alexanders earlier this week. In the first six months the group was able to do very nicely out of the booming commercial bill business and a ris-ing gilt-edged market. But from then on the going became rather tougher, at least until the 2-point cut in MLR in late November.

The ner result is that disclosed profits, after tax and transfers to inner reserves, are up from £2,08m to £3,35m. Moreover, given that Union came through the rigours of 1979 rather hetter than most other houses, it has been able to raise the full year dividend by 15 per cent, to produce a yield of 6.5 per cent with the shares at 508p.

A particularly interesting move by Union

at this stage is that it has decided to transfer 55.25m from inner to published reserves, helping to bump up year-end published re-serves from £18.9m to £25.2m. In changing times Union reckons it a good idea to have rather more of its underlying strength in the shop-window, though whether its motives are born more out of caution or

aggression remains to be seen.

In a more limited sense, Union is certainly taking a more aggressive line at the moment. It clearly sees good times ahead in the gilt-edged market and at the year-end it held £97m of fixed coupon gilts in addition to its £164m holding of variable rate government stock.

Gilts Confidence

Sterling had another good day on the foreign exchanges yesterday and it seems that some at least of the overseas money coming in may be finding its way into the gilt-edged market once more. Certainly, the market is showing rather more enthusiasm now that it has absorbed last week's confirmation that the public sector borrowing requirement for the present linearial wear is likely to too the revised financial year is likely; to top the revised

11,500m estimate. Meanwhile, having controlled short-term interest rates successfully over the past couple of weeks, the Bank of England fared rather less well yesterday—and on the monthly "make-up" day of all days. In the interbank market, overnight money was trading around 20 per cent during the afternoon, with some reports of deals being done up to the 100 per cent level. Even so, the general view appeared to be that "round-tripping" was probably not on that large a

• Few companies can match AGB Research's record of unbroken profits growth since it went public 10 years ago with an offer for sale to raise around 1500,000. A current capitalization of close on £45m provides adequate evidence that the point has not

been lost on the market.

Meanwhile, underlying faith in AGB's go-go" status is unlikely to be diminshed by results like yesterday's announcement of a 22 per cent interim gain to £1.46m. At the same time, however, at 237p, after a 13p gain, the shares look to be well up with events on a ple of over 20 and a yield of

less than 3 per cent.
Market research which still provides the main drive is making light of recession having pushed its contribution up by a fifth to over £1m. Interestingly, not only the syndicated research contracts are performing well with the ad hoc consumer research strongly ahead as well and it is only in the relatively minor industrial division that any signs of weakness have been noted.

Helped by a first-time contribution of £300,000 from the Australian McNair Anderson acquisition in the second-half profits could be on the way to fin after £2.9m last time, the sort of progress which might justify the shares selling at six times

Economic notebook

Cause and effect in fiscal policy

istic modesty. Indeed, you could be forgiven for thinking that liscal policy was pretty lax, rather than, as is the case, very restrictive. To describe liscal policy as restrictive at a time when both government spending and borrowing are substantially higher than forecast, may appears comments appeading. appear somewhat paradoxical.

There is, after all, no gain-taying the fact that public spending will be 11 per cent higher in volume this year than planaed—perhaps more—and that the public sector borrowing requirement will be 50 per cent more than originally predicted. But much of this rise in spending and borrowing is a spending and borrowing is a direct consequence of the economic recession—a recession caused in large part by the severity of the Government's fiscal policy itself. In order to see just how restrictive this policy really has been, it is necessary to distinguish that part of the budget deficit that results from the deliberate action (or inaction) of government from that part of the budget deficit that arises out of the recession (from increased social security payments and social security payments and falling tax revenues). This will, to some extent, separate cause from effect, although it would be wrong to imply that the recession was entirely due to government action on the fiscal

That element of the budget deficit that arises out of the recession can be analytically stripped out by employing "cyclically corrected" or "constant employment" budget balances. This is what the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has done in its latest Economic Outlank.

Economic Outlook.
It shows the fiscal position of the seven major indust-rialized nations: that is to say, the position that arises from deliberate policy action in relation to changes in govern-ment spending and revenus

flows.
Not surprisingly, the OECD exercise shows that the fiscal stance was strongly restrictive in most countries in 1980 and, in most countries in 1980 and, under present policies, there will be a uniform and marked trend towards still greater budgetary restriction this year. The secretariat estimates that the combined effect of the oil price increase and the tightening in fiscal policy since 1978 will probably reduce the real gross national products of OECD member countries by an average 64 per cent by the end of 1981, compared with what they would otherwise have been.

Oil price

The oil price increase itself likely to be responsible for about two-thirds of this output loss, but the restrictive monetary and fiscal policies of governments is responsible for

the rest.

It is reckoned that the cumulative impact of "discretionary" (in other words, deliberate) fiscal changes between 1979 and 1981 is equivalent to about 1 per cent of the gross national product of the seven key industrial countries, or 11 per cent if the United States is excluded from their number.

In the case of the United States, it is assumed that the new Administration will carry out the first two instalments of the promised tax cuts and that there will not be completely offsetting cuts in government

expenditure.
Even so, United States fiscal policy is predicted to become more restrictive this year. This is because, with a progressive system of income tax, inflation and real growth will both tend to push taxpayers into higher tax bands, siphoning money out of the economy. This is known as "fiscal drag" and requires that governments take offsetting

Where the true effectiveness of measures to pump money back the Government's fiscal policy into the economy. Failure to is concerned, economic ministers display an uncharacter-strued as a deliberate policy to tighten the fiscal stance. The promised tax cuts in the United States this year will not fully offset this inflation-induced fiscal drug.

But, among the seven key nations (the United States Canada, Britain, Japan, France, Germany and Italy) only Canada has adopted a fiscal stance anything like as deflationary as Britain's. According to OECD calcula-

tions, the cumulative impact, between 1979 and 1981, of the restrictive fiscal measures deliberately adopted by the Thatcher government Thatcher government are equivalent to some 3 per cent of Britain's nominal gross domestic product. Against this, the recession has had a counter-effect, pushing up government spending and borrowing and thereby causing some matching relaxation in the budgetary balance. This expansionary effect is reckoned to be equivalent to about 21 per cent of nominal gross domestic product by 1981, compared to 1979.

Offset

But, while the relaxation in But, while the relaxation in the budger balance, caused by the recession, is tending to offset the deliberate tightening in fiscal policy, this is happening at a lower level of income and employment than would have been the case had policy not been tightened. This is why attention should focus on the Government's fiscal stance. It is this that is the instrument It is this that is the instrument of policy, not the actual budget

What makes the present deflationary fiscal stance particu-larly tough is that it follows a progressive tightening of fiscal policy since the mid-seventies. In 1976 and 1977 taken together, fiscal policy was tightened by almost 7 percentage points of gross domestic product. product

product.
In 1979 the policy screw was again turned sharply, with a further twist last year, and another in prospect this year, assuming that the Government means what it says both the level of its spending and public sector wages. It is hardly surprising after several years of progressively tightening fiscal policy that the economy is in such a bad shape. such a bad shape.

Certainly, there can be no justification for a net increase in taxation in the Budget on March 10. This seemed a distinct possibility at one stage, in order to prevent the recession-induced budget deficit from in-

But a policy aimed at sup-pressing all, or part of the recession's budgetary conse-quences in this way, could only be implemented by progressstill further, with the fall in incomes and output that this would entail.

In fact, the Chancellor would reductions in his coming Budget just to offset the deflationary effects of fiscal drag. The tightening of fiscal policy under the present Government has already led to a rise in the real burden of taxation overall.

Figures provided in a recent

parliamentary answer show how the tax burden on individuals has risen. A married couple with two children, receiving half average earnings, will see about 14.4 per cent of their income deducted in tax payments and national insurance contributions in 1980-81, compared with 12.6 per cent in 1979-80. On twice average earnings the pro-portion will rise to 28.5 from

Thus not only has the burden of tax risen, but it has become more unfairly distributed. Perhaps, after all, there is good reason for the Government to be modest about the results of its fiscal policy.

Melvyn Westlake

Road building in Bendel State, Nigeria: the new development plan will concentrate on the down-to-earth rather than the grandiose.

Nigeria gets down to basics

Economic realism and a con-cern for real growth appear to be the principal motivations underlying the Fourth National Development Plan announced here last week by President

here last week by President Shagari. In the past, under the generals, Nigeria gifted itself a spectacular array of modern airports, super expressways, national theatres and stadiums, independence squares and a nerwork of flyovers which would not look out of place in Los Angeles No doubt they have in Angeles. No doubt they have in many cases been vital in improving the country's services and communications, but the sheer size and scale was waste-

What was needed, but ignored, was the development of agriculture, steady industrial investment, the provision of transport, improved educational facilities for the poor; suple

housing and better and reliable power generation.

The new national plan— covering the years 1981-85— aims to provide these less spec-

per cent growth rate seen during the last decade.

tion and its cash crop exports, which must in the decades

which must in the decades obead increasingly replace oil as the principal export. The plan suggests a doubling of the present agricultural growth rate of 2.5 to 4 per cent.

The same balance and conservatism is also reflected in the Government's plans for manufacturing industry. Again, the emphasis is not on new ventures so much as completing projects as in iron and steel. projects as in iron and steel, liquified natural gas, pulp and paper, sugar, cement, nitro-genous fertilizers and petrochemicals. The motive appears to be a desire to develop the oil-allied industries which have hitherto been foolishly ignored.

The plan is to be mainly financed by oil sales which are expected to rise from 2.1 million barrels a day in 1980 to 2.4 in 1985. Domestic consumption of crude is estimated as being always below half a million bar-

tacular but more necessary items in the economy.

As President Shagari put it, the plan aims at "simple, functional designs especially with respect to standard amenities such as schools, hospitals and residential buildings". Sensibly, it only seeks to maintain the 7 per cent growth rate seen dur.

ability of the state and the private sector to raise such sums

£8,200m of the £64,000m to be envisaged. More worrying is injected into the economy over their scepticism of the econthe next five years. The government wants to increase the large sums in rapid and profit-country's domestic food productions. As they point our, even the truncated 1980 budget failed to spend, by some esimates as much as £2,000m.

Although the overall econ-omic aim of the Government is "self-sustained growth and self-reliance", businessmen say that in the short term this plan will increase Nigeria's dependence

on imports.

The total import bill, which

The total import bill, which has shown a marked increase since restrictions were eased last yezr, now stands at over £780,000 a month. The plan itself estimates a growth of imports from nearly £10,000m a year at present prices to nearly £19,000m by 1985.

The plan will also reinforce Nigeria's dependence on an exparriate work force. As President Shagari put it: "we will continue to require the services of foreign experts in the foreseable future especially in the scientific and technological occupations where the shortage is most acute".

occupations where the shortage is most acute."

Already there are large British, French, German, Japanese and Indian communities employed in both the private and public sectors. Of the estimated extra 125,000 skilled manpower the plan calls for, a significant proportion will in fact condefrom abroad.

Karan Thapar

Videodiscs: the big three jockey for position

Videodisc, the next technology In fact, the Chancellor would on offer after the video cassette probably need to make net tax recorder (VCR), looks likely to start a battle in the market place earlier than expected. It will be a three-cornered contest with few holds barred.

Description, looks likely to LOCK MAINS

LICENTAL MAINS

LIKE random access on JVC's system will have to buy an additional access.

One of the contestants, Philips, the Dutch electronics company, plans a British launch in May of the player which it already has on the United States market. RCA, the American electron-

ics manufacturer, is due to start marketing its own videodisc player in the United States by April and has licensed the Gen-eral Electric Company to make players in Britain. A European launch is forecast for the middle orime market.

Victor Company of Japan (IVC), a subsidiary of Japan's Matsushita, which has been dominating the VCR market but seemed likely to lag behind in videodisc, is still playing its cards close to its chest, in the still be a still playing its cards close to its chest, in the still be a still playing its cards close to its chest, in the still be a still playing its cards close to its chest, in the still be a still playing its cards close to its chest, in the still be a still playing its cards close to its chest, in the still be a still playing its cards close to its chest, its chest, its cards close to its chest, its chest, its cards close to its chest, its but the indications are that it will get out its system before the year end and possibly almost as quickly as RCA. The Japanese and United States markets will be its first targets, but Britain would be in line for attack soon after.

Eath of the three has large investments in systems which are entirely incompatible (indeed, it is virtually a re-run of the VCR tussle, although the third contender there is Japan's Sony instead of RCA) and it will be a bewildering spectacle for the consumer.

RCA is credited with spend-

ing about \$130m (about £53m) on its Selectavision system, which is more than went on the development of its first colour television sets.

cent version from Japan's Pioneer, licensed by Philips,

sells at under 5750.

So for the indications are that JVC will sell its players between these prices, probably between 5550 and \$600. Prices in Britain appear likely to be somewhat higher, with the Philips one probably not far short of £400, JVC around £300 and £64 more than £250. and RCA more than £250.

RCA has secured its price advantage at the expense of having the least complex system. On its disc a diamond stylus reads signals direct from grooves. There is no stereo sound, found on both the other systems, nor the built-in facilities like instant random access to particular tracks found in the Philips player.
IVC's disc has no grooves; a

stylus, which reads "pits" on the disc electronically, is in gliding contact with the disc. In Philips's system there is no direct contact with the disca laser reads optical signals on a disr which is claimed to be wirtually indestructible. Anybody wanting facilities

Derek Harris increasingly, renters) only 5 per cent are so far buying pre-recorded tapes.

system will have to buy an addi-tional unit—a "frame store". There has been much argument about how much that would cost—complex ones can run to several thousands of pounds—but the assertion from the JVC camp is that about £150 is a realistic price. It is claimed that another

extra unit, costing about the same, could add the unique advantage of allowing the playing of audio discs on the JVC

player.

Disc life—and JVC is likely to lay claim to at least ten times the life of an RCA disc —is important. This is because of one of the ways in which the so-called software for the systems (the films, the television-sourced material, the specialist programmes from how to cook programmes from how to cook new dishes to improving one's golf swing) is likely to be retailed.

The key British outlets for

audio records, like Woolworth, Boots and W. H. Smith, are already looking at lending sys-tems for video material and long disc life has an obvious importance for maximizing But there are other factors

which could sway the battle between the three, with software the biggest single one.
Philips has linked with MCA,
the American entertainments
giant, whose programme library includes feature films like Jaws and Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid. Philip's part ownership of Polygram offers possibilities of top concert performances on videodisc (consumers will not only been videorelevision sets.

RCA's system will be the formances on videodisc (contributed States probably at about disc players linked to their \$500 (£210), compared with the television sets for the pictures, but will need to plug the sound which, under its Magnayox into their hi-fi system for the label, costs about \$770. A re
label, costs about \$770. A re-

JVC has linked with Thorn-· EMI in Britain to solve the soft-ware problem, demonstrating the value of Thorn's strategy in acquiring the EMI library of film material including The Deerhunter and Death on the Nile. RCA expects to get pro-gramme material from CBS, Walr Disney, Rank and other key film and television companies.

Many in the fast-growing software industry are expecting deals which will make a large amount of programme material available to all three systems, but the promotion of attractions, exclusive special like star feature films, will be a powerful marketing tool in battle between

Pre-recorded tapes for VCRs offering this sort of star material have had much less effect in this sector. That is because, at any rate in Britain, most VCR buyers appear mainly to use the players either for recording to view later—the not be over quick time-shift facility—or to build the three systems an individual library by taping be a bloody one.

from television broadcasts. A recent survey suggested that of Britain's rather more than 300,000 VCR owners (or,

The systems barrie must also be affected by how far other electronics manufacturers can be attracted by one system. Apart from the licensing deal with Ploneer, Philips has deals with Sony (where there was a technology exchange for comperability of systems), three other Japanese makers—Sanyo, Trio-Kenwood and Sharp—and West Germany's Grundig. But Sanyo is hedging its bets by producing players based on the

RCA system.

JVC badly needs to attract the allegiance of still uncommitted makers like Toshiba and Mit-subisbi. all in Japon, where the Government has been pressing for standardization on one sys-tem for Japanese manufactem for japanese manufac-turers. Hitachi in Japan is to sell RCA-system players in the United States. Philips's argument that its

laser technology is at the beginning of its development potential rather than being already near full stretch, as it is claimed are the capacitant systems of RCA and JVC—an appropriate the content of t argument strongly contested particularly by JVC-might sway the uncommitted Japanese manufacturers particularly.

But not everybody believes that the videodisc is heading for an early consumer boom. RCA has been talking about selling six million players and 250 mil lion discs a year within 10 years. But Mackintosh Consultants, the United Kingdom analysts of the electronics industry, forecasts American annual sales of two million at best by 1990 and possibly only

half that. Sony believes that rather than there being an early consumer boom videodisc sales will be more for specialist users at first-in business and institu-

vCRs might turn out to be wholly competitive with discs in the total video market. rather than the systems being largely complementary.

A videodisc player able to record like a VCR is probably 10 years away, but VCRs are more expensive, in Britain ranging between £400 for older designs to nearly £700 for the latest. Disc prices are expected to be no more than £15—half the price of comparable VCR pre-recorded offerings.

Discs will offer two hours of entertainment compared with up to eight on some VCR tapes. If freeze frame techniques were used fully to store information it would be possible—as the manufacturers are wont grandly to point out—to get on to one disc the contents of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

What seems certain is that

the battle between VCR and three videodisc systems, will not be over quickly and among the three systems is likely to

Business Diary: Aston filler • Pomme de guerre

Kit Aston is standing down as the chairman of the engineer-ing to fuel conglomerate Powell Duffryn in order to put in a year's public service as the chairman for England of the International Year of the Dis-abled. abled.

ALL THE TENT Aston, for three years executive chairman of Powell Duffryn, will be succeeded by a non-executive chairman. Lord Sandon, who is already on the PD board, John Franklin continues as managing director and has become chief executive, a role formerly shared with

Aston told me last night that, having come to PD three years ago on a three-year con-tract, he made his decision not to renew after a spell in hospital recovering from a cancer operation. Now 61, he says be has "a clean bill of health" after the operation, he nevertheless wants to put in a year for the disabled.

said, and having been invited to head the national fundraising effort he decided in hospital to take a "sabbatical " in 1981

A-ton was an executive director of Ready Mixed Concrete when the call came from PD, and he remains a non-executive director of the former company. He has seen PD through a fruitful three years, having sold off loss-makers like Hymac excavators to IBH of West Germany, bought some profit-makers like National Pump of Phoenix, Arizona, streamlined London everheads and organized the management structure that succeeds him.



You have got to understand our motives. Only by reducing our labour force by another 60 per cent can we qualify as a firm small enough to receive government aid."

More than \$350,000 is to be tonnes between 1979 and last spent by French and British year. fruit farmers in the next six

repair the damage caused in the battles of 1980. Jonathan Choate, the non-denominational director of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau, tells me that many distributors say that apple sales had dropped by more than 15 per cent

The reason, he suspects, is scheme have that shoppers had been persuaded not to eat the French Golden Delicious—but the members and paquality of the rival English Cox make them work. was not good enough to keep the doctor away. Figures from French farmers show that French exports to Britain dropped from 99,000 to 31,000

This drop in consumption suggests that British growers capitalized too hastily last year for the disabled.

"I became interested in the welfare of the disabled when I was Mayor of Windsor between 1974 and 1976", he said, and having been myited to head the national funda pledge to maintain quality

and Pear Development Council,

pounds of apples to join the scheme in which their fruit is

eastern Mediterranean.

has grown slowly.

Nicholas Longe, chairman of the branding scheme, organized by the United Kingdom's Apple says: "The principles of the scheme have been widely acclaimed, and the problems now lie with getting grower members and participants to Growers pay in for every 18

Avraham Shavit is grasping E! Al, Israel's national airline, by the neck and shaking it, with the result that about a quarter of a million pounds worth of advertising money is about to fall on to the British market.

The aggressive Shavit, who is in his early fifties, and has a highly successful business manufacturing, cookers, was put at the head of El Al by the Israeli government about 12 months ago on a "dollar a year" agreement to pull round the airline. El Al had been hit by industrial troubles and lost nearly £40m in the financial year 1973-80. He called in McKinsey, which found El Al to be weak in found El Al to be weak in marketing expertise and not to be doing enough in advertising and promotion to recapture Jewish traffic which had been seduced away from the ethnic airline by cheap chargers.

The ethnic market is being regained and there is now to be a big advertising campaign to promote Israel—not so much. as in the past, as the Holy Land with the desert thrown in, but as the sun and fun place of the



money, I suppose they will keep both. Ross Davies

to be finance director.

Minister.

I hear further that the then

Pan Am man agreed, and that

the appointment was OK'd by Edward Heath, then Prime

All went well until the sud-

den death in 1973 of the then BSC chairman, Lord Melchett,

whereupon the arrangement was dropped.

If true, then the story would

suggest that the rabbit that industry Secretary Sir Keith Joseph pulled out of the har

with MacGregor is one that had been around for some time.

The Algerian mediation in the

hastage dispute has done much to balance the prejudice against Islamic countries caused by the Irunians antics, but much ill-

feeling remains if a joke I heard is anything to go by. Hardly had the hostages left

Tehran Airport than a wag quipped: "Now the Algerians have got the hastages and the

Stock markets

Handsome gains for second line stocks

saw some handsome price rises, in rather restricted markets. Life insurance shares were a feature, and selected building shares were also in demand. But leading oil shares lost

Fear; of a national strike by water workers, and rumours in the afternoon that American stockmarket pundit, Mr Joseph Granville, may have put out a second sell recommendation for Wall Street caused some slip-page among United Kingdom market leaders.

Shortly before the close. prices steadied. However, a 4.1 paint rise in the FT ladex at three o'clock was reduced to a 3.1 improvement by the close, at 461.7.

The undertone among leading shares was good, with investors auxious not to miss any rises. Trade was thin but several stocks did well on special circumstances. Grand Metropolitan benefited from Trustbouse Forte's better than expected figures, and gained 4p to 156p De La Rue was in demand in a thin market, and jumped 23p to 698p. Bowater continued to benefit from its American oil and gas interests, and rose 7p to 187p. Distillers improved 2p to 186p; and BAT went 5p higher to 238p. Rank, with results due today, rose 3p to 155p. Unilever added 3p to 446p, but ICI and Beechams were unchanged at 286p and 170p apiece.

Gilts had a quiet day but held up quite well. Longs opened around £1 better only to resignate the beauty by because here.

linquish the gain briefly, before closing £1 to £1 better after all. Shorts also had a more difficult day, with a few sellers in evid-ence, but after opening £1.16 that rise, they finally closed that much better overall.

New Life

Business

Eagle Star : Eagle Star Group

RDOUDCES increased new Life busi-

ness figures for 1980. Worldwide,

new annual premiums were £37.8m

(£29.5m in 1979) and single

promiums were £69.3m (£54.2m).

Net new amounts assured were

52,902m (£2,176m). In the United

Kingdom total new annual

premiums amounted to 530.m

(£23.7m), an increase of 28 per

cept, and new slogie premiums

and considerations for immediate

annuities were 20 per cent up si

amounts assured were £2,315m

(£1,757m) including £461m (£372m) in respect of the capitalized value of deferred

annuities. New annual premiums for United Kingdom ordinary life

business were 7 per cent up at £5.75m against £5.36m in 1979.

rhoenix Assurance: The 1980 life new business results for the Phoenix Group of Companies worldwide are: new sum assured. £2,7342.2m (1979, £2,006.4m); new annuities per annual premiums, £26.3m (£20.9m); new annual premiums, £22.1m (£17.5m); new

premiums, £22.1m (£17.5m1; new single premiums, £23.4m (£26.9m). In addition, Ebor Phoenix, which writes managed fund pensions business, has funds under man-agement of £17m. (increased from

agement of £17m. (increased from £11.0m). Results in the United Kingdom were excellent. Phoenix made strong progress with new sums assured under individual policies increasing by 38 per cent and under group policies by 45 per cent. New annual premiums in these classes increased by 25 per cent and 49 per cent respectively. These figures, together with the 40 per cent increase in new annuities per annum reflects the continuing heavy demand for protection policies and pensions pro-

tection policies and pensions pro-

Commercial Union: Commercial

unicu Assurance reports world

unich Assurance reports worthwide are new annual premiums for 1980 of £39.0m (1979 £41.2m) and single premiums of £28.6m (£28.7m). New sums assured of £2,849m (£2,537m) and new annulties per annum of £70.0m (£74.1m) were secured. Allowing for the effect of exchange rate

(274.1m) were secured. Allowing for the effect of exchange rate novements, the sale of the majority stareholding in Commercial Union Assurance of South Africa in 1979 and the disposal of C.U.'s life business in Australia and New Zealand during 1980, this represents are underlying increase in new annual premiums of 9 per cent, and single premiums of 15 per cent. The U.K. portion of this business consisted of: New annual premiums £19.1m (£18.2m), new single premiums 5.7m (£5.4m), new sums assured of £1.827m (£1.358m) and new annulties per annum of £23.1m (£20.8m). Further, new permanent health insurance business in the U.K. amounted to: new an-

U.K. amounted to: new an-premiums £1.2m (£0.8m) and

Ordinary life assurance and anomity business: Individual life

annuity business: Individual life assurances and annuities produced new annual premium income of £9.7m (£10.5m) and single premiums of £21.3m (£17.9m). These figures include the unit-linked business of Sun Life Unit Assurance, which amounted to new annual premiums of £0.63m (£0.59m) and single premiums of £7.2m (£5.8m).

(£52.0m). Net new

£62.3m

recently, were pushed up yesterday by a handful of buyers. With no sellers about share prices rose steeply. Legal & General starred with a 10p rise to 205p, while Hambro Life gained 6p to 298p, Pearl rose gained 6p to 298p, Pearl rose Sp to 412p, Refuge put on 8p, to 212p, and the Prudential added 6p to 225p.

Composite incurance shares

Composite insurance shares were firm in reasonable trading. Royal added 6p to 340p, while the new rose 61p to 251p premium. General Accident and premium. General Accident and Guardian Royal both added 2p to 286p, and 288p respectively. Building issues saw Blue Circle up 8p at 342p and BPB 7p higher at 225p. Trade in the sector generally was not heavy but prices were very firm. RMC gained 5p to 163p and Tarmac was also 5p better at 255p.

Stores had a busy morning hur activity tailed off during the afternoon. House of Fraser was unchanged at 126p but mail order stocks went better. Empire Stores added 2p to 118p and Freeman's rose the same amount to 110p. Grattan was

Anglia TV (F)
Ashley Inds (I)
James Austin (I)
Eritish Land (I)

Horne Brothers (F) Dunbar Group (F) J. Saville Gordon (F) Lookers (F)

Camtord (F)

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ー(一) 43.1(37.5)

Property groups up

by an estimated interim tax after only national tax a net charge leaping from £1.37m to surplus of £1.6m.
£3.11m so that after tax revenue Rising rents (gross rents up

at interim stage

By Peter Wainwright
The tax charge neatly separates the good figures from the bad in the interim statement from Stock Conversion

and Investment Trust; known

for conservative accounting and

After a fall in revenue before tax from £8.65m to £8.26m in the full year 1979-80 the group

raised it from E4.18m to £5.81m

in the six months to September

30. This reflected renewed vitality in dealing profits, up from £63,000 to £752,000 and

rent reviews at the Euston Centre scheme last July wherein

Stock Conversion has a half

Hitherto the group has bene-

fited from stock relief written

back, reflecting properties held in the course of business in

earlier years. The group has,

however, temporarily run out of such properties and the full

year's figures will also show tax at around 52 per cent. The group adds that no

Business appointments

New chief

for Powell

Viscount Sandon has

elected chairman of Powell Duffryn in succession to Mr C. S. Aston who has left the board. Mr John

Franklin continues as managing director and has been additionally

appointed thief executive.
Mr James W. Downer is now

managing director of Rank Film Laboratories. Mr Peter Hargreaves-Allen has

olned J. Henry Schroder Wagg & Company as an assistant direc-

Mr Cyril Teed has been named by Plessey Defence Systems for the new post of marketing dir-

Mr S. Esmond Baucher, has re-

signed as chairman and a director of Norwest Holst Holdings having reached normal retirement age last year, but will remain a consultant

to the company. Mr Raymond Slater has become group executive

Mr Peter Rintoul and Mr Nigel

dent of The Machine Tool Trades
Association.
Mr Roy A. Faibish has been
made vice-president. Europe, of
Canadian Cablesystems.
Mr Gavin Thomson is now sales
director of Magazine Mailing and
its associate company Transmail.
Mr George Heushilwood is the
new managing director of Harlem
Wilcomatic.

Duffryn

fell from £2.8m to

But the good work was spoilt

quality of earnings.

Thomas Tilling should be an important beneficiary of the decline in interest rates on both sides of Atlantic and should states of Atlantic una should show some of the earliest signs of recovery from the recession because of its emphasis on con-struction services and builders' merchanting, say brokers James Capel, Despite lacklustre figures in March. Tilling is recommended as a buy for recovery. The shares are 139p.

added 1p to 219p after its annual meeting. Warner Estate also reported yesterday, and closed unchanged at 308p as did Marier Estates at 72p.

Latest results

further dealing profits are expected over the rest of the financial year, but the thrust in

rental income should ensure profits of around £10.5m for the

The shares rested at 315p where still given a one fifth rise in dividend, the shares

yield only 1.8 per cent. Assets are thought to be worth more

than 500p a share.

British Land's six months to last September covered successful bids for United Kingdom

Property and The Corn Exchange but only one month's

revenue from them appears in

the interim figures. These show

an increase in pretax surplus from £973,000 to £1.66m and

from £5.7m to £6.2m) and fall-

ing interest charges, down from £5.59m to £4.88m, indicate an

improving earnings quality, but at the halfway stage at least

earnings a share were down thanks to big increases in ordin-

ary capital.

The shares rose 1p to 93p and

stand at a good discount to net assets of possibly 140p a share.

Stock Exchange

confirms delay in

The Stock Exchange con-

firmed in a statement yesterday that it is effectively delaying

until October 1982 a require

ment for companies to produce

current cost accounting figures with their balftime statements.

But the exchange says that a

rule, passed last summer, re-

quiring inflation accounting to conform with SSAP 16 for full-year results, will start this year

covering the trading period

exchange was poised to shelve the whole CCA requirement for

12 months arose after industrial

sources predicted a storm of

protests from industrial com-

panies and a consultative state-

ment from the Inland Revenue

said that it was unlikely to base

relief of stock appreciation on

CCA figures.

Confusion over whether the

CCA rule

year against £8.26m.

4.38(12.8) 11.7(104.8)

-(-) -(-) 8.4(20.8) 0.43(1.8)

3.1(—1 0.52(1.94)

Hawker Siddeley up 4p to 246p; and Haden Carrier went 10p higher at 190p in strong demand. Westland at first recovered ground lost the day before, but ended just 1p better at 124p. Prices generally were firm, but there was not much trade.

Defence stocks in the electri-

cal sector showed some hand-some rises over the previous close, though much of that im-provement had been chalked up after hours on Tuesday when buyers came in after the official news that defence spending cuts had not been in-creased. Yesterday's prices were

GEC closed at 586p, showing Trusthouse Forte's better an 8p rise. Ferranti was 5p up than expected figures and scrip at 460p while Racal bad added issue left the shares 12p higher 6p to 308p and United Scienti-

Year's total —(4.13) 0.6(2.73)

3.5(3.0)

-(-) 0.25(-) 1.63(-) 7.0(7.3) 6.2(5.8)

0.52(2.4) 3.85(3.83)

Briefly .

Gosforth Industrial Holdings: Globe Investment Trust has dis-posed of its entire holding — 1.14m ordinary shares.

Manson Finance Trust Limited has formed a leasing division to deal in all forms of leasing and lease

O.R.E. Ltd: Turnover for year to September 30 £392,000 (period August 7, 1978 to September 9 1979 £357,000). Pretax profit £85,000 (£53,500). Chairman, Mr Albert Wilson, says that overall prospects for 1981 are encouraging and management looks forward to a further year of profitable growth.

Duobar Group: Pretax profit for 1980 £562,500 (£405,000). Final 3.1p making 6.2p net (5.8p), Chair-man states that all main activities

of group are capable of expansion and it is for this reason that be is optimistic that business will

prosper over years: Shares are traded on the unlisted securities

months to September 30 55.8m (£4.17m). Including associated companies £884,000 (£824.000) but after minority shareholders' interest in partly-owned subsidiary £919,000 (£773,000). Interim, 1.75p, net.

Stirling Knitting Group: Interim 0.71p (0.5p). Sales for half year to September 30. E5.41m (54.94m). Pretax profit £359,000 (£243,000). Eps 6.32p (4.18p).

Symonds Engineering: Interim held at 0.31g gross. Sales for Half year to September 30 £1.45m (£1.14m). Pretax profit £86,000 (£101,000). Eps 0.512p (0.551p). Board will be applying all its efforts and skills to improving percentage of profitability against turnover. Co is a "close to "...

Horse Brothers: Turnover: for

Horne Brothers: Turnover for year to September 6 £14.45m (£14.03m). Pretax profit £40,000 (£311,000). Eps 11.7p (104.3p). Dividend 7p (7.3p). Current year has not started encouragingly in terms of retail sales and steps commune to be taken in improving efficiency in the use of resources to minimise the impact of rising costs.

mills and Allen International: has reached agreement in principle to acquire the 51 per cent of Euro Brokers Harlow and Co. not already owned. Consideration, tash, is \$4.08m. Net asset value of Euro Brokers at Dec. 31, 1979 \$590,000 and profit before tax year ended on that date \$1.16m.

Camford Engineering: Turnover for year to September 30 £43.18m (£37.54m). Pretax profit £921,060 (£2.5m). Eps 4.38p (£2.87p). On net basis and 5.03p (£4.49p) on nil basis. No final, int of 1.63p already paid.

rising costs.

Rising rents (gross rents up stock Conversion and Investment rom £5.7m to £6.2m) and fall-

fic was 17p higher at 298p. Unitech closed at 250p, up 10p. Electrocomponents also added 10p to 633p; while Rediffusion came in for some profit-taking and fell 5p to 113p. Thorn-EMI added 2p at 297p.

added 2p at 292p.
Higher bid terms from Nesco
sent Colmore Investments up 31p to 331p while Centreway, which sold its stake in Colmore to Nesco, rose 3p to 109p. A 2m rights issue from Crystalate pushed the shares 3 p up to

Silkolene was sought after silkolene was sought after and jumped 20p to 274p. Major oil shares were weak with Shell down 10p to 444p and EP 12p lower at 392p. Lasmo fell 13p to 684p; Ultramar lost 7p to 488p and Tricentrol relinquished 8p to 302p. But Burmah edged up 1p to 184p and Candecca held level at 206p. Berkeley closed flat at 223p. Mining shares had a better

day with a bit more business, but prices began to drift off after hours as the bullion price eased, Anglo American Gold closed \$2 better at \$45\$ and West Driefontein went 116 higher to £33). St Helena gained the same amount, to £19; and Vasl Reefs rose £1 to

Equity turnover on January 20, was £76.679m (11,485 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were, Bowater, Royal Dutch Pet, Shell, Britannia Arrow, BBA, Amax, Distillant From: Distillers, Boots, Racal, BP, UDT, Barclays Bank, BICC, Barker & Dobson and Beecham.

Traded Options: Expiry day resulted in a busy day for dealers with 2,224 contracts recorded. Lourho on 268 contracts drew most of the business along with Courtaulds on

Traditional options saw calls in Armstrong Equipment on 5p, Bowater on 19p and London Inv Trust on 24p.

Aggregates Inc of quarries with related facilities and plant located at Haverstraw, and Tomkins Cove on the Hudson River in New York State for \$14.8m cash (£6.04m).

The Hudson River quarries,

operated separately under their own management, supply aggre-

gates by water to locations on the river in New York State, in metropolitan New York and in

Over the year to September

30. Albion turned a pretax pro-

fit at £723,000 into a loss of £161,000, Earnings a share were

New Jersey.

will continue to be

Record year at Anglia TV. but outlook uncertain

Record profits from Anglia Television group, reflecting last year's surge in advertising revenues, left the "A" shares 4p higher at 80p. Pretax profits increased from £2.72m to £4.66m—a rise of 71 per cent—after payment of the Exchequer Levy, which was up from £1m

Television contractors' adver-tising revenue rose sharply in 1980, due in large part to re-covery from the 1979 television strike. For calendar 1980 it increased by 53 per cent and Anglia, with an October 31 year Anglia, with an October 31 year end, has not only benefited from this but also claims a con-tinuing increase in its accorfinuing increase in its network

However, the group, which retained it franchise for East Anglia under the recent Inde-pendent Broadcasting Authority review although suffering some pointed references about its regional coverage, is expecting little growth in advertising revenue this financial year.

Mr David McCall, a director, said advertising revenues, after

holding up well, had been under pressure since the last quarter of 1980 and although he expected some increases in the current year he would be surprised if Anglia's results in 1980-81 exceeded last year. Group turnover rose by 69 per cent to £32.7m—split fairly evenly between the two halves. However, nearly two thirds of revenue.

pretax profits fell in the first half. During the second half, which spans the summer, Anglia bore further wage increases relating to the staggered 40 per cent strike sertlement and increased papgramming costs.

The final dividend has been raised by half, leaving the total raised by half, leaving the total raised by half, leaving the total

up from 5.1p to 7.1p gross,
On the Fourth Channel
which begins in 1982. M.
McCall said Anglia should be able to recover its \$3.5m sub-scription from increased ad vertising revenue. However, he saw breakfast television, which is scheduled to start in 1983 as a competitor for advertising

Crystalate plans to expand

By Margareta Pagano

Crystalate Holdings yesterday called on shareholders to raise £2.02m with a rights issue to finance possible acquisitions and new lines in electronic and telecommunications products. The issue is of £2.09m worth of 9.5 per cent convertible un-secured loan stock. It will be secured loan stock. It will be on the basis of £1 of stock for every seven ordinary shares. Stock may be converted in February from 1985 to 1999 into shares at the rate of 70p nominal stock per share. The share price gained 4p to 70p on the press.

Crystalate has rapidly transformed from a plastic injection moulding group to a component maker for the elec-tronics and telecommunications industries. It has steadily eliminated most of its lossmaking plastics concerns, and 80 per ceur of sales are now

man, said that the issue is being raised to fund potential acquisi-tions. "We have a number which are in the air at the moment, although nothing speci-fic ", he said. " But we would like the flexibility to take advantage of any opportunity."

The group is also looking at the developments of new products within the telecommuni-

cations field. Although present working capital is sufficient, the cash will be used to save on interest charges, he said. Borrowings are just below £1m.
Crystalate has been involved in the Post Office's pilot trials of a new microchip microphone, which would replace the carbon granules in the present tele-phone earpieces. If these are used by the Post Office in the next generation of telephones, Crystalate should be one of the larger suppliers. Over half of the PO's present maintenance

Trafalgar assets 'not By Philip Robinson

By Philip Robinson

Mr Nigel Broackes, chairma
of Trafalgar House, th
shipping, hotels, construction
and newspaper empire, wa
questioned by shareholders a
the annual meeting yesterda
on whether the company wa
alanguage of sell assets planning to sell assets, He was specifically aske

whether the group is selling any of its three cruise ship which include the QE2 or it was time to "abandon ship on its newspaper interest which include Express New papers.



Mr Nigel Broackes, chairma

of Trafalgar House. Mr Broackes said: "In th past we have had unsoliciteoffers for the ships but the are not for sale." And, on new, papers, he said: "The unit, b, that I mean Express News papers, stands as a whole. We would not consider closing a selling. We are determined to make it work better than it is working at present. This mi

J. Saville Gordon sharply lower

as sales slump By Our Financial Staff Birmingham-based meral me chants J. Saville Gordon veste day reported a steep fall i pretax profits to £316,200 fro £722,900 in the half year

October. Sales also fell to £10.37 from £13.9m last year. An i terim dividend of 0.75p gro is recommended.

Mr John Saville, the cha man, says that although tradit The sharp rise was helped by is poor, the group has few be foreign exchange profits of rowings and is well placed 66,600m yen, compared with cope with the difficulties. The sharp rise was helped by is poor, the group has few be foreign exchange. engineer's merchants and stoc holding division had, on-again, been able to meet ti difficulties, but lower sal

meant squeezed profits, he sai Sales fell back dramatical after the steel strike in the metal trading and scrap pr cessing division. With the heafall in metal prices and low margins, the board has provide for possible stock losses.

Bank Base Rates

with £2m rights issue

from the electronics division.

Mr John Leworthy, the chair- earpieces at heavy labour costs.

Thomas Tilling in £6m US deal end of this month, will improve Hauson Trust's balance sheet, as McDonagh is basically strong, despite its poor first-half per-formance which enabled Han-son Trust to acquire it

seeking acquisitions relatively cheaply. Hanson Trust will continue to

seek acquisitions in the United States and the United Kingdom and has a number of projects in hand, our nothing planned for the immediate future, Mr James Hanson, chairman, told the annual meeting.

He said that the group is

Hanson Trust still

still digesting the acquisition of the United States footwear, cement and handtools firm McDonough Co

Hanson said that the acquisi-11.9p compared with 18.9p but tion, when completed after the

Marler Estates down midway Over the six months to Sep-tember 29, turnover of Marier

Estates dropped from 13.58m to £238,000, and net revenue from £149,000 to £20,000. These include a trading loss of £7,500 against a profit of £129,000 and a horel trading loss of £3,000.

International

Toray Industries of Japan yes-

terday reported that Consoli-

dated net income for the first

half year to September 30 rose

to 15,900m yen (about £32m)

from 5,000m yen the year be-

The sharp rise was helped by

foreign exchange losses of

6,000m yen a year ago, the com-

Rhone-Poulenc Textiles, the

textile division of the French chemical group, is expected to

record a consolidated loss for 1980 of 850m francs (about 177m) on sales of 2,500m

M Jean Gandols, group president, said 1980 was a "black year" for European textiles.

French textile loss

Toray up sharply

Earnings a share were 0.43p against 1.8p, and the dividend was held at 1.43p gross.

pany said.

Lookers maintains payout despite halved profits

The Thomas Tilling Group is there is no final dividend extending its minerals and agmaking 0.6p for the year against gregates interests by the 2.75p net.

By Our Financial Staff
Lookers, the BL vehicle and agricultural machinery distribu- year. The over supply both of tor, reported pretax profits new vehicles and agricultural more than halved in the year to machinery had meant increased September because of intense stocks at a time when interest competition and over supply.
Pretax profits fell to £936,800 from £2m in the previous year, on sales up marginally at £69.6m against £69.2m. The final

dividend is unchanged, however, at 3.5p gross, making a total payment of 5.5p gross, Earnings a share dropped to 8.4p against

chairman, said the results re- group is left flected the highly competitive profits of £91,148.

trading conditions that had hit the motor industry over the past charges were high and margins lower. Interest charges rose to £1.5m from £959,000.

An exceptional provision of £499,100 for deferred taxation arises from changes introduced by the 1980 Finance Act, which meant a reversal of timing differences from capital allowances 20.8p. Claimed before on contract hire vehicles. After this, tax of from the year's low to 39p.

Mr Reginald Tongue, the debit of £33,600, the Manchester group is left with retained

Nesco increases offer

By Our Financial Staff Nesco Investments has increased its 30p a share offer for Colmore Investments, the Midlands motor distributor, by 3p a share, which gives Colmore a price tag of £1.3m. The revision comes after Nesco's purchase of a 5 per cent stake from Centres. a 5 per cent stake from Centreway at 33p a share. Centreway bought the shares earlier this

month at 3110.

But Colmore's board, which represents 26 per cent of the equity, is telling shareholders,

who are able to take a longer term view, that they would benefit by retaining their shares. Mr John Charlesworth,

Nesco now owns 33 per cent Colmore and has received acceptances for nearly 12 per cent, making a total of 45 per cent. But three years ago a bid by T. Cowie, who gained 48 per

Record year for Alcan

Consolidated net income of Alcan Aluminium rose to a record US\$542m (£233.9m) in 1980 against \$427m the year before, the company said in Montreal. Earnings a share rose from \$5.28 in 1979 to \$6.70. Fourth quarter consolidated ner income rose to \$125m, or \$1.54 a share, from \$117m, or \$1.45 a share, in the fourth quarter of 1979.

Barclays 14% C. Hoare & Co .. *14% Nat Westminster .. 14% 7 day deposit on sums of \$10,000 and under 112,0, up to £50,000 125,0, over \$50,000 12's 6.

Gold market's shadow over gold shares

Cobby have become directors of London and Gartmore Investment However unfortunate it may view of what the average price would be. By their standards, investments made on the delay of their departure assumption of a price higher treadied the gold market. On than \$500 in real terms over a transport of the related appeared. hostages in Iran, the agonizing delay of their departure steadied the gold market. On Friday, when release appeared row and Company as deputy man-aging director from March 2. Two new board members of Vanxhall Motors are: Mr William Vauxhall Motors are: Mr William R. DeLong, who becomes director of finance, and Mr Donald Vallance, director of passenger car manufacturing and co-ordination of Vauxhall/Bedford production.

Mr J. L. D. Gailev, chief executive and managing director. imminent, dealers were poised for a fall, but in the event there was plenty of time to absorb the news, which had been fairly well discounted anyway.
Indeed, the price recovered tive and managing director, Giddings and Lewis-Fraser, Arbroath, has been elected presi-dent of The Machine Tool Trades

Indeed, the price recovered somewhat, partly because speculators scrambled to cover short positions. Yesterday it rose \$14.50 in London to \$578.

But \$578 is not the price many gold bugs were expecting or hoping for a year ago, and there is now a feeling that the hostages' freedom has removed the last of that extraordinary concatenation of events that concatenation of events that dispatched gold on its dizzy course at the end of 1979: We are left with a largely technical market, in which assessments of inflation, currency fluctuations and interest rates are the determining factors. Without clear direction, the gold market is casting a shadow over gold shares.

As the South African quarterly results come in one cautious judgment is vindicated. At the height of the gold boom, when not everybody was level-headed, the gold mines deliberately took a restrained

reasonable period were unwise. And so it has proved. Within the last month the price has not been all that far above \$500 on occasions, and some gloomy spirits have talked of it falling

Mining

It is easily overlooked in discussions about gold mine finance that the critical factor is not the spot price, which may be achieved, but the average that can be maintained in the face of inflation. Gold mines are unusual

they have next to no control over their commodity's price in the market. Tin has an agree-ment (or at least is trying to reach a new one), copper has been regulated by producer prices, nickel, aluminium and platinum are partly set by pro-

African government, but only in the last six months or so has the government played the market on any significant scale by keeping bullion back.

Even then the prime consideration seems to have been South Africa's balance of payments and the strength of the rand rather than gold mine profits. For this reason, among others, Mr Denis Etherade of Angle American has edge of Angle American has remarked that mines would like freedom to sell their own out-

while the price thus moves largely ourside their control, the mines face relentless cost increases. On the whole these have been slightly above South Africa's domestic inflation rate because of the Chamber of Mines policy of narrowing the san between white and black Mines policy of narrowing the gap between white and black workers' wages. Ironically, the drive to national self-sufficiency, which has resulted in about 80 per cent of mine equipment being manufactured in the Republic, has eliminated benefits from the high rand.

domestic inflation. But transla-ted from dollars into rands, the mines eventual receipts are ad-The mines are, of course, versely affected. Exchange rates well supported by the South are therefore of special interest

to the gold mines, over and above the general consideration of their impact on the spot bullion price.

For argument's sake, however, let us assume that over the next six months there will be no substantial real increase in the gold price and that South African inflation will not fall below the present 13-15 per cent rate. Moreover, by the middle of the year the mines will be faced with another sizeable increase in their wages bill in their wages bill—possibly 17 or 18 per cent if experience is

a guide. a guide.

The inescapable conclusion is that the trend heralded by the latest round of profit figures could persist for much of the year. Everything depends on how the mines decide to play their ore grades. The steady reduction in grades which has accompanied the rise in the gold's price could be haited, or perhaps reversed, if the very powerful mines inspectorate powerful mines inspectorate agrees to a redefinition of pay-able ore.

benefits from the high rand.

Against that, a strong rand may be some help in restraining domestic inflation. But translation and the mining plan and the technical strong rand deal hangs on the flexibility of the mining plan and the technical strong rand random random restriction. niques employed

Michael Prest Mining Correspondent

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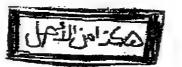
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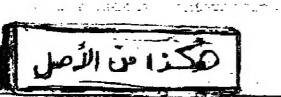
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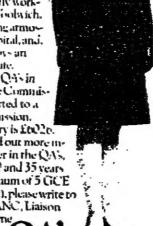
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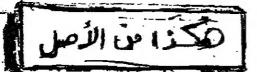
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Harold Pinter with Peggy Ashcroft who stars in his new play Family Voices (Radio 3, 10.00)

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ligets its first stage performance at the National on February

13 with the same cast as in tonight's world premiere—Peggy

Asheroft, Michael Kitchen and Mark Dignam. The same director,

too: the National's Peter Hall. It is apparently, a play about

messages sent but not received. But were they sent? Were

messages sent but not received. But were they sent? Were

they ever written? What is Son doing in the house/lodgings/

brothel? Why are the relationships there so volatile? Why

does Mother's love swing to Mother's hatred? And why the

letter from Dad, postmarked the grave? You must not expect

me to provide the answers as well as set the questions. Not

that, in Family Voices, we can be sure which are the questions

and which the answers. How stimulating and infuriating to be

lost, once more, in Pinterland.

OThe production of Massenet's opera Le roi de Lahore,

as the priestess, Sherill Milnes as her wicked uncle, Luis Lima

as the king and Nicola Ghiaurov as an Indian deity. Richard

Bonynge conducts the National Philharmonic Orchestra. To put

this opera into perspective, it was performed seven years before

Manou, 15 years before Werther. It was, in fact, the work that

set the seal on Massenet's reputation as an opera composer of

distinction. The other important musical occasion of the

distinction . . The other important musical occasion of the day is the two-part recital by Emil Gilels (Radio 4, 7.30 and 5.40). The works include the Beethoven piano sonata in D, Op 10, No 3, and four Ravel pieces including the Pavane pour une Infante défunte.

Infante défunte.

9 As had luck would have it, my two television recommendations clash. You really ought to see both of them. The Water Walkers (BBC 1, 8.05) is about insect life on pond and river, "on " being the operative word for these are the tiny creatures whose water-repellent qualities permit them to move, mate and kill on the gossamer-thin film that is the surface. The close-up photography is astounding... The writer in Writers and Places (BRC 2, 8.00) is William Trevor, the place London. Unlike last week's subject. Anthony Ruysess. Mr Trevor is seen but little, his subject, Anthony Burgess, Mr Trevor is seen but little, his identification with streets, parks and buildings working much more through his created characters than through the creator himself. Self-effacing, then, compared to Mr Burgess's self-assertiveness. I think there is virtue in both approaches.

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9.00 For Schools, Colleges: History: why appeasement?; 9.25
Geometry (1); 9.47 Maths. Ten
Per Cent Ted: 10.10 Keep up with
The Times, and The Odyssey:
10.35 James is our Brother; 11.65
Maths: decimals: 11.30 The
castle builders; 11.55 Footprints
in the sand: 12.20 pm Closedown.
12.45 News and weather forecast.
1.00 Pebble Mill at One: Today's
edition includes the regular movie
item by Tony Bibbow, Film Focus.
1.45 Bod: For the very young.
2.00 You and Me: Vicki Luke and
Lines and Circles (r).
2.15 Por Schools, Colleges: Music
time. 2.40 Television Club: An
introduction. Closedown at 3.08.
3.55 Play School: Karly Squires's
story Paul's Day in Bed. It is told
by Lucie Skeaping and Chris
Tranchell. Also on BBC 2 at 11.00.
4.20 Laurel and Hardy: Cartoon.
Frigid Ray Gun. The authentic
Laurel and Hardy can be seen on
BBC 2 at 5.40 in Thicker than
Water. 4.25 Jackanory: Pippa
Guard rends the fourth instainment
of Nina Warner Hooke's A Donkey called Palonia. 4.48 Heidi:
Serial about an orphan jirl, the
pertular expectation of the Potter of Serial about an orphan jirl, the
pertular rewares. 5.05 Bime Peter:
Queen Victoria died 80 years ago,
and today's programme includes a

BBC 2

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11.00 am Play School: Kathy Squires's story Paul's Day In Bed, told by Lucie Skeaping and Chris Tranchell (can also be seen on BBC 1, 3.55). Closedown at 11.25.
4.50 pm Open University: The first years of life: all yours; 5.15 S101 Preparatory marks: algebra. Justice and Hardy: Tricker than Water* (1935) This was the last of Stanley and Oliver's short films, and it was not one of their best. It's the one about the HP debt for the Hardys' furniture, and the grandfather clock that is run over. Includes the famous washing up sequence, and the scene where Stanley becomes Oliver's blood donor.

donor.

5.00 Music-Hall Greats: Champagne Charlie (1944) Musical comedy set in Victorian days about the rivalry between two great music hall artistes, George

9.30 am For Schools: A child's early days; 9.52 A film about storms; 10.69 Profile of a firm; 10.31 For A-level students; all about fossils; 10.53 For A-level

about fossils; 10.53 For A-level students: electron microscopy; 11.10 Science for the very young; impulse and impact; 11.27 How a newspaper is made; 11.44 A story; Flyaway.

12.00 Gideon: The story of a duckling. With Tim Brooke-Taylor providing the voices, 12.10 pm Stepping Stones: The theme is digging, and the story is The Three Seeds, 12.30 The Sullivans; Second World War drama series

Second World War drama series about an Australian family at home and at the front.

nome and at the front.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Together: The continuing story of people living in a block of flats. More about Edward Fuller's money problems, and what Martha Finch decides to do to help him. With Raymond Francis, Kathieen Byron.

2.00 After Noon Pine With

2.00 After Noon Plus: With Elaine Grand, Trevor Hyutt.

2.45 Fallen Here : Episode 3 of this drama serial about a former

THAMES

Leybourne who called himself Champague Charlie, and the Great Vance. They are played in Cavalcanti's enjoyable film by Tommy Triuder (as Leybourne) and Stanley Holloway. Also starring Betty Warren and Jean Kem.
7.40 News with sub-titles for the hard of hearing.
7.50 Cartoon: Ersatz. The Yugo-slavian animator Dusan Vakotic won an Academy Award with this cartoon.

leaky norrowboat (Peter Davison and Robert Glenister) and the woman in their lives (Sara

woman in their lives (Sara Corper). 9.00 News with Angela Rippon.

Also weather for recast.

9.25 The Treachery Game: Episode two of Jack Gerson's thriller about a man and his wife (Malcolm Stoddard, Mary Tamm) on the

cartoon.

8.00 Writers and Places: A City to Pismder. William Trevor, the Irish writer, has written, and nacrates, this film about the influence of London on his books. influence of London on his books. (See Personal Choice.)
8.30 Russell Harty: He meets people dressed up at their heroes (Clint Eastwood, Robin Hood, etc.)
9.00 The Little World of Don Camillo: More stories about the leuding priest and mayor of an Italian town. With Mario Adorf and Brian Blessed. Tonight. the

Rugby League player (Del Henney). Back for his native Wales, he receives an interesting business offer (r). 3.45 Life Begins at Forty: Domestic comedy series with Derek Nimmo, Rosemary Leach. Today, their haby is christened (r). 4.15 Watch fit! A story of Dr Snuggles, the inventor. 4.20 Little Bouse on the Prairie: Part one of a new tale called Laura Ingalls Wilder. 5.15 Emmerdale Farm: Joe and Jack Sugden grow even further apart from one another. 5.45 News; 6.00 Thames area news. 6.25 Help The launching of an appeal to help disabled people. I is called Starting Point. 6.35 Chartie's Angels: Three girls take on the wrongdoers.

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7.30 The Jim Davidson Show: Comedy sketches and songs.
8.00 Sapphire and Steel: Final episode of this fantastic furiller serial, starring David McCallum and Joanna Lumley as the time travellers. Can they probe the macabre secrets of scientists of the future?

TV Eye: The programme finds the future?

TV Eye: The programme finds proof that Dutch lishermen are breaking EEC rules, openly catching more than their fair quota of

run after the murder of a British blo-chemist. Tonight, re-enter the surve and sinister Colonel Grigor of the KGB (Sandor Eles) who was in Mr Gerson's previous thriller The Assassination Run. 10.15 Question Time: Sir Robin Day is in the chair, and his panel is made up tonight of John Silkin, MP, Sally Oppenhelm, MP, Tom Jackson, of the post office workers union, and Sir Terence Beckett, the CBI chief.

11.20 Kolak: Mystery surrounds the hijacking of some rare and unrefined morphine which no-one would dare to sell. With Telly Savalas. filmed record of her funeral pro-cession. 5.35 fvor the Engine: Today's story is called Jugger-5.49 News with Kenneth Kendall.
5.55 Regional news magazines and
Nationwide: Including another of
Bill Kerr Elliott's films about the
Celts, and the Grass Roots kem
is presented by Gillian Miles from
Spotlicht South West in Plymouth.
7.00 Tomorrou's World: A new
way with steak, a new kind of
tyre—and carpets for the cowshed.

Radio 4

6.00 am News Briefing.

12.05 am Weather forecast. Regions

tyre—and carpets for the cowshed.
7.25 Top of the Pops: The current
hits in the world of pop music.
The presenter is Peter Powell.
8.05 Wildlife on One: The Water
Walters. The world on the surfaces of our ponds and steeams.
Things most of us did not know
about such insects as pondskaters,
swamp spiders, whiritgigs and
waterboatmen. The narrator is
David Attenborough. (See Personal Choice.)
8.30 Siak or Swim: Comedy series
about two brothers living in a
leaky narrowboat (Peter Davison RECIONS

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widower who is thought to be in need of moral instruction, and the woman who has moved in with woman who has moved in with him.

9.30 Man Alive: Fighting for Time. Three people are facing death: one has caurer of the liver, the second has an incurable spinal condition, the third is terminally iii. Each of them has found a strong reason for keeping going—an unfulfilled ambirion. Harold Williamson talks to them and finds out what it is.

10.20 Revolting Women: A revue from Manchester, written, performed and produced by women; only one man in the cast—Philip Bird. The enterminers are leni Barnett, Linda Broughton, Marcella Evaristi, Alison Skilbeck and Helen Glavin.

10.45 Newsnight: The day's news, with detailed analysis of the main stories. Linda Alexander is the newscaster, and Marshall Lee is the sports reporter. Ends at 11.35.

fish and selling this "black fish back to the British market. 9.00 Hill Street Blues: Police drama—a pilot for a forthcoming series. The ingredients are a kidnapping, robbery, drags and explosions. Made in America, and starring Michael Courad and Daniel J. Travanti. 10.00 News from ITN. Also, news of the Thames area.

10:30 Take Six: The King's Head.

A day in the life of the enterprising theatre-pub in Islington,
London which this year celebrates
its tenth birthday. This is the first
film to be directed by Jeremy
McCtacken, and is the fourth in
the series of six in which
directors make their debut.

11.15 Barney Miller: American directors make their debut.

11.15 Barney Miller: American police drama with Hal Linden in the title role. A story of a body reported stolen from a mortnary.

11.45 What the Papers Say Awards: The year's most distinguished journalists (according to this programme) receive their awards from Norman St John Stevas. 12.15 am Close: Christine Smith, who has muscular dystrophy, dwells on the happy things in her life.

RADIO

and Movement; Music Interlude; and Movement; Music Interinde; Stories and Rhymes. 10.30-10.45 Listen With Mother. 11.00-12.00 Schools: Time and Tune [11]; Man; Home or Away. 1.00 pm-3.00 Schools: Living Lan-Ruage: Look! Living Through History.

6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.30, 8.30 Headlines. 9.35 Yesterday in Pa Yesterday in Parliament 9.35 Yesterday in Parliament,
9.00 News.
9.05 Checkpoint.
9.30 The Living World,
10.00 News.
10.22 People and Places (1),
10.30 Dally Service,
10.45 Story: Tried and True, by
Par Burchard,
11.00 News.
11.15 Analysis. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: Punti di Radio 3 6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Elgar, Mozart,

Cluck, Massenet.† 8.00 News. 11.05 Atalysis. 11.50 Enquire Within. 12.00 News. 8.05 Records : Bach, Telemanni, 8.05 Records: Bach, Telemann, Boccherini, 9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Dowland.†
9.35 Brass Band: Gregson, Horovitz. B. Orr. Patterson.†
10.25 High Mass for the Feast of St Michael the Archangel: reconstruction. 12.02 pm You and Yours. 12.27 Neser Too Late. 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.
1.40 The Archers.
2.00 News.
2.02 Woman's Hour. struction.† 11.35 BBC Scottish SO/Handford : Nielsen, Sibelius, Vaughan Wil-3.00 News. 3.02 Play: Stranded, by Neil

liams (London Sym).†
1.00 pm News.
1.05 Quartet (Alberni—live from Bristol): Mozart (K465), Beethoven (op 95).†
2.00 Opera: Le roi de Labore, by Massentt (Sutherland) Ghiaurov, Milsey (Narral Phil Orch, Bonyme). 4.60 Fritz Spiegl's Musical Alphabet. 4.15 Bookshelf. 4.45 No Fond Return 5.00 PM. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 News. Attines/Nami Phil Orch/ Bonyng), Acts I and II.† (See Personal 6.30 Any Answers? 6.35 It's a Bargain, 7.00 News. 3.25 Interval reading 3.35 Le roi de Lahore, Acts III, IV and V.†

7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Time for Verse.
7.30 Piano (Gilels), pt 1: Beethoven (op 10 no. 3, op 35).
7.30 Coldring in Zimbabwe (1).
8.40 Piano, pt 2: Scriabin,
Ravel.† IV and V.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
7.00 Talking about Music.†
7.30 With Radio 4.
9.20 Talk: Words.
9.25 Record: Sibelius (Sym 4).†
10.00 Play: Family Voices, by
Harold Pinter.† (See Personal
Choice).
10.40 Consort: Weelkes.†
11.00 News.
11.05-11.15 Record: Liszt.† 8.40 Piano, pt 2; Scriabin, Ravel.† 9.20 Kaleidoscope. 10.00 The World Tonight. 11.00 Lord Jim (14). 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. 12.15 am-12.23 Shipping Forecast.

Radio 2 1.05 am Schools: A Service for 5.00 am News, weather, 5.03 Bob Kilbey + 7.32 Terry Wogan + 10.03 Schools; Music Interlude; Maths
—With a Story I; Sounds, Words

Hmmy Young † 12.03 pm David Hamilton.† 2.03 Ed Stewart.† 4.03 Much More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn.† 8.02 Country Club.† 9.02 Alan Dell.† 10.02 A Very Private-Man. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.02 Brian Marthew. 2.02 am-5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

S.00 am As Radio 2, 7.00 Mike Read, 9.00 Steve Wright, 11.00 Andy Peebles, 12.30 pm Newsbeat, 12.45 Paul Burnert, 2.32 Dave Lea. Travis, 4.32 Peter Powell, 7.00 Wheels, 8.00 Richard Skinner, 10.02 John Peel. 12.00 Close. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2: 10.00 pm With Radio 1: 12.00-5.00 am With Radio

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OUGLAS-PENNANT. On 17th January 1981, to Sarah and Paddy—a daughter, sister to Anna. Research Fund Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

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MICHELL — Suddenly at Doordrift Lodge: Capo Town, on January 13th, 10 Cach, Javan Motherwell, M.A. 10 Cach, Javan Motherwell, O'HEA.—On 19th January, 1961, January, January KAYE.—On January 19th to Jane Krivine: and Tony—a daughter (Sophie) . Thursday, January 15th, to Marie Eugenia (nee Crespo-Rana) and John Janes as of (James Edward). 21st to Gaynor (nee Hughes) and Geoffrey—a son (Michael Christian). George Son Control of Control of

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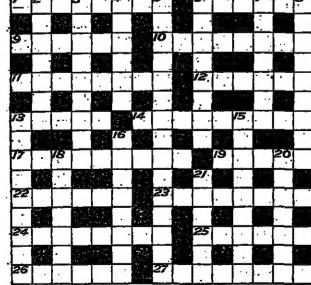
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22 Female inhabitant of strange
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